

Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs College Scholarship Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. How much are the FSBGC College Scholarships worth?

\$500 to \$2,500 per college year. A “college” year is Fall one year, and Spring the following year.

2. What are the academic requirements:

GPA above 2.5 and 12 credit hours or more per semester

3. Are FSBGC scholarships renewable?

Yes, up to 4 years – recipients must apply each year

4. Do you have to interview each year?

No, only once – during your initial year of application

5. What does the selection committee look for?

Financial need, Club involvement, and academic achievement

6. How do I get the money?

Money is sent directly to the school's registrar office at 50% each semester. Students must supply a transcript that shows: (a) grades from the previous completed semester with cumulative GPA {and ACT scores for high school applicants}, and (b) schedule for upcoming semester with credit hours taking.

7. Do you provide scholarships for graduate school (Masters Degree or higher)?

No

8. What happens if I'm granted an award but transfer schools?

It's okay, but you must let the FSBGC Administration office know your new school, and you must be sure to supply the schedule you will have at the new school (as noted in #6 above)

9. How do I apply for the next year?

There are three methods of getting an application: (a) available at all FSBGC units or the Administration office; (b) current recipients will receive a new application (if they were not graduating) via mail at the last address given; and (c) the application will be available on our website no later than the second week of January each year.

10. What are the eligibility requirements?

- (a) must complete an application including:
 - (i) at least one recommendation letter
 - (ii) official transcript from high school OR college (previous recipient)
 - (iii) the first page [summary page] of the last tax form filed with the IRS from each
- (b) must be a member or volunteer for a minimum of two years at the FSBGC
- (c) if you are 18 years old or younger, you *must* have a current FSBGC membership
- (d) must rank in the top 60% of your high school graduating class
- (e) must maintain a 2.5 GPA, and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester

11. What happens if a student falls below the 2.5 GPA level or completes a semester with less than 12 credit hours?

- (a) students who fall below standard requirements are usually given a one-time probationary semester, which is based on approval by the Scholarship Committee
- (b) students falling below standard requirements for more than one semester (consecutive or not) will be dropped from the program, and are not eligible for renewal at any time

Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs College Scholarship Program

DONORS

- * **June & Jim Alexander Memorial** - provides several college scholarships for the Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs, Girls Inc, and UA Fort Smith. The Alexander's established the scholarship program at the FSBGC in 1985.
- * **FSBGC Alumni & Friends Association** - provided by annual sustaining membership fees and fund-raisers. The Association has provided annual scholarships since 1994.
- * **Sean A. Amos Memorial** - established in 2006 by his family & friends. Sean was a long-time member and coach.
- * **Stuart C. Crews Memorial** - established in 2013 by Neal Cowne and friends of Stuart Crews, who was an active member of the FSBGC.
- * **Mary & Bill Cooper** - established this scholarship in 2018. Bill Cooper has served on the FSBGC board for over 30 years.
- * **Vic Forsgren Memorial** - established in 2000 by his family & friends. Vic served on the FSBGC Board of Directors and was very involved at the Club as a volunteer and sponsor. The proceeds from an annual fishing tournament is given to the Club in Vic's name.
- * **Mollie & Jack Grober Memorial** - established in 2010 through a bequest. Jack Grober was a FSBGC Board member for 43 years.
- * **Steven D. Jenkins Memorial** - established by his family in 1997, Steven was a former member and volunteer at the FSBGC.
- * **Kate & Hugh Maurras** - established in 2015, Mr. Maurras is a current board member.
- * **Kim & John McFarland** - established in 2014 to provide three (3) scholarships annually.
- * **Miller Family Foundation** - provided by the family of FSBGC Board member Robert E. Miller, this scholarship was established in 2008.
- * **Jane Dills Morgan Memorial** - established in 2014, Ms. Morgan was a long-time board member.
- * **Bob Needham, Sr. Memorial** - established by his family in 2001. The Needham family has been active with the FSBGC for more than 30 years.
- * **Reid Bartlett Plunkett and Grant Ellison Plunkett Memorial** - established by Robert & Diana Plunkett in 2001 in memory of their two grandsons.
- * **Janice H. & Robert M. Powell** - established in 2016, provided by the family of FSBGC Board member Janice H. Powell.
- * **Mr. & Mrs. E.S. Stephens Memorial** - an endowed scholarship provided by the trust of Wanda Stephens, established in 2013.
- * **Wade Walker Family** - established in 2006, provided by the family of former member and Kansas City Architect, Wade Walker.
- * **Robert A. Young IV Memorial** - established in 2001 by Mary & Robert A. Young III in memory of their son.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Single pages only – DO NOT copy another page or use the back of any page
2. If you are still in high school, you MUST have a current FSBGC membership card, and enter that on Page 1 where requested
3. MUST complete all pertinent lines on every page
4. MUST include all requested materials (financials, transcripts, recommendation, essays, picture)
5. DO NOT STAPLE ANYTHING TOGETHER ... use a large paper clip to hold organized application



FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS

2022-2023

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**** This packet must be completed in full. ****

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 4:00pm APRIL 1st

This program is for a single year (Fall & Spring only). You must complete a new application for each year that you are requesting funding, up to four (4) years

PLEASE TYPE or PRINT CLEARLY (use blue or black ink only)

Applicant Name (Last, first, middle)

Home Address (a permanent mailing address)

City, State, Zip

Cell Phone (or best phone to reach you)

E-Mail address

** FSBGC Membership No. (if age 18 or younger) **

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Age

Gender

***** APPLICANTS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL:**

- ✓ Must have been a member or volunteer of the FSBGC for a minimum of two years
- ✓ Applicants who are 18 years old or younger must have a current FSBGC membership card
- ✓ Must rank in top 60% of graduating class
- ✓ Must have a minimum 2.5 GPA

***** APPLICANTS CONTINUING AT COLLEGE:** (implies previous recipient)

- ✓ Must have retained a minimum 2.5 GPA
- ✓ Must carry at least 12 Credit Hours each semester

GENERAL:

- ✓ Scholarships are given based on: 1) financial need; 2) Club participation/volunteerism; and 3) academic achievement
- ✓ Submitting an application does not guarantee you'll receive a scholarship
- ✓ You must include all requested materials, or your application will not be processed
- ✓ First-time applicants (only) will be interviewed by the scholarship committee
- ✓ Payment of scholarship is made during each semester to the school (not to individual).
- ✓ **ALL PAGES MUST BE COMPLETED & RETURNED**
- ✓ Must include typed essays as requested
- ✓ You must include a recent color photo – size 3.5 X 5 OR 4 X 6 only

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I AUTHORIZE THE FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO VERIFY SUCH.

Applicant signature

Date

FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION & GUIDELINES

The requisites noted herein are discretionary guidelines established by the Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs College Scholarship Committee. Any and all portions of these guidelines may be waived and/or modified on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of the Committee. Any such waiver or modification is not binding on the Committee in future matters. Interpretation of the guidelines and decisions, whether to award a scholarship or not, and the amount of any such award, is at the sole discretion of the Committee.

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE INTERPRETATION OF THE GUIDELINES AND AWARDS OF THE FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AND THAT I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE'S FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE STATUS OF MY SUBMISSION.

Signature of applicant

FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name _____

FAMILY

Applicant lives with Both parents Mother only Father only Foster Family
 Grandparent(s) Student Housing Other _____
(apartment, other family)

Primary Parent / Guardian Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Employment _____
(Place) (How long) (Title)

2nd Parent / Guardian Name _____

Cell Phone _____

Employment _____
(Place) (How long) (Title)

Siblings – list all names, their ages, & if they live at home (use back of form if more space is needed)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>@ Home?</u> (Yes / No)
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I HEREBY ATTEST THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION FORM AND ATTACHED SUPPORTING MATERIAL IS TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE TRUTHFUL, ACCURATE AND COMPLETE, AND I AUTHORIZE THE FSBGC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO VERIFY SUCH.

Signature of parent/guardian

FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name _____

FINANCIALS

COMBINED Annual family income \$ _____

- ✓ Include any income from parent(s)/guardian(s) and applicant
- ✓ Attach copies of most recent first page [summary page] of the last tax form filed with the IRS from each income earner
- ✓ Please block out any proprietary information, such as social security numbers

List any funding (scholarships, grants, work, parental support) you may be or are receiving for this upcoming school year (Aug – May).

<u>Name of Funding</u>	<u>Amount Per Year</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(attach separate page if more space is needed)

College estimated costs per year

Tuition _____
Books _____
Board (room) _____
Meals _____
Other _____

Total Estimated Annual Costs \$ _____

FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name _____

SCHOOL

Coming year, I will be a: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

ONLY IF STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL

High School _____

Year of graduation

Class rank

GPA

ACT score

College:

(Current or Expected)

Name of college

City / State

Cum. GPA

Expected year of graduation

Major

Will you (or) do you work during college?

Yes

No

Note: Applicants must include a written/signed recommendation letter (from a teacher, advisor, employer, counselor, or friend)

List current school activities (attach separate page if more space is needed)

- ✓ Applicants still in High School must include official Academic Transcript with GPA, rank and ACT scores
- ✓ Applicants still in College must submit official Academic Transcript with cumulative GPA and expected credit hours.
- ✓ In both cases, these will not be "final" grades.

FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name _____

CLUB PARTICIPATION & COMMUNITY SERVICE

In total, how long are/were you a member of the Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs? _____

Which Unit? Jeffrey Goldtrap Stephens Evans

List **Club programs** and activities you were involved with while a member of the Fort Smith Boys & Girls Clubs: (attach separate page if more space is needed)

List current **community activities** demonstrating your leadership and involvement, including any Boys & Girls Club participation. (attach separate page if more space is needed)

**FORT SMITH BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

ESSAYS

1) Use separate papers for each essay. Be as detailed as you can. If you are submitting a “renewal” application, do not cut-&-paste last year’s essays – you will be disqualified. Each essay must be original.

2) Must be centered and titled as noted below:

NAME
ESSAY #1: MY COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANS

EXAMPLE: a)

NAME
ESSAY #1
MY COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANS

OR: b)

3) Font should be:

- a) Arial or Times New Roman
- b) no less than 10 and no more than 12

4) Margins must be 1” on all sides

5) Spacing should be between 1.2 and 1.5

ESSAY ONE: MY COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANS

Write (or type) an essay in your own words on your college choice and why. Include what your career plans are, and what impact a college degree makes. Judges will consider content and grammar. For *returning applicants*, write about your original choice, if there are any changes you’ve made or considered, and why.

ESSAY TWO: WHY I SHOULD BE SELECTED FOR A BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Write (or type) an essay in your own words on why you feel you deserve to receive this scholarship. Judges will consider content and grammar.