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**FORT SMITH**  
**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**

**2024-2025**

**Post-Secondary Education Scholarship**

**New Applicant**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**1. How much are the FSBGC Post-Secondary Scholarships worth?**

\$500 to \$2,500 per college year. A 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 of credit hours for the upcoming semester.

**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?**

1. Applications are available at all FSBGC units or the Administration Office
2. The application is available on our website no later than the 2nd week of January each year

**10. What are the eligibility requirements?**

- (a) must be a member or volunteer for a minimum of two year at the FSBGC
- (b) if you are 18 years old or younger, you must have a current FSBGC membership
- (c) must rank in the top 60% of your high school graduating class
- (d) 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.

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**Post-Secondary Education Scholarship Donors**  
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- ♦ **June & Jim Alexander Memorial** - established the scholarship program at the Club in 1985. Jim Alexander served on the Fort Smith Boys & Girls Club board of directors for 58 years.
- ♦ **FSBGC Alumni & Friends Association** – has provided scholarships since 1992.
- ♦ **Steven D. Jenkins Memorial** - established in 1997 in memory of the late Steven D. Jenkins, a former Boys & Girls Club member and volunteer.
- ♦ **Reid Bartlett Plunkett Memorial & Grant Ellison Plunkett Memorial** - established 19 years ago by Robert & Diana Plunkett in memory of their twin grandsons.
- ♦ **Vic Forsgren Memorial** - established in 2000 by family & friends of the late Vic Forsgren, who was a Fort Smith Boys & Girls Club board member, sponsor and volunteer coach.
- ♦ **Robert A. Young IV Memorial** – provided in memory of Robert Young IV who passed away in 2001.
- ♦ **Bob Needham Sr. Memorial** - established by the family of the late Bob Needham Sr. in 2001.
- ♦ **Mollie & Jack Grober Memorial** – established in 2010 in memory of Mollie & Jack Grober. Jack Grober was a FSBGC board member for 43 years and a past board president.
- ♦ **Miller Family Foundation** – established in 2008 by the family of board member Robert E. Miller.
- ♦ **Kim & John McFarland** – established annual scholarships for the Boys & Girls Club in 2014.
- ♦ **Wade Walker Family** – re-established in 2014 ( previously the Walker-Liggett Scholarship in 2006). Walker is a former Club member who is now an architect in Kansas City.
- ♦ **Stuart C. Crews Memorial** – established in 2013 by Neal Cowne and friends of the late Stuart C. Crews, a former Club member and son of Fort Smith media personality Polly Crews.
- ♦ **Wanda & E.S. Stephens Memorial** – established in 2013 by the late Wanda Stephens.
- ♦ **Jane Dills Morgan Memorial** – provided in memory of Jane Dills Morgan, a former board member and FSBGC Scholarship committee member
- ♦ **Kate & Hugh Maurras Scholarship** – an annual gift provided by Kate and Hugh Maurras.
- ♦ **Janice H. & Robert M. Powell Scholarship** – established in 2017 by Janice and Bob Powell.
- ♦ **Mary & Bill Cooper Scholarship** – established in 2018 by Mary and Bill Cooper.
- ♦ **Sean Amos Memorial** – established in 2006 in memory of Sean Amos, a former scholarship recipient.
- ♦ **Meek Family Scholarship** – provided by the families of the late Robert S. Meek Jr., who served several years on the FSBGC board and was a dedicated scholarship committee member
- ♦ **Joel Gist Memorial** – established in 2021 by family and friends
- ♦ **Dixon Family Scholarship** – established by Dave & Danielle Dixon for the 2023-2024 school year. Preference to youth attending trade school (welding, HVAC, plumbing, etc.)

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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Single page only – DO NOT copy another page or use the back of any page.
2. If you are still in high school, you **MUST** be a current FSBGC member, and enter that membership number on Page 1 where requested.  
You can get your membership number from the FSBGC unit you attend.
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**

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.

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Minimum qualifications are as follows:

- a. Must have been a member or volunteer of the FSBGC for a minimum of two years
- b. Applicants who are 18 years old or younger must have a current FSBGC membership card
- c. Have at least 2.5 cumulative GPA
- d. Community Service/Volunteer Experience
- e. Must be enrolled or plan to enroll in a two- or four-year institute

**1. Provide the following personal information below:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State ZIP

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Boys & Girls Club member since (year): \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership#: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Provide information about the high school from which you will graduate:**

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Provide information on the college, university or trade school you plan to attend:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Major Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Provide the following information about your gender and ethnic group:**

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic Group: \_\_\_\_\_

You may enter your own values to replace the pre-selected entries for gender or ethnicity

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**List Activities and Awards**  
**or Attach a Resume/Brag Sheet**

**Boys & Girls Club Related Activities**

**Years of Participation**

**Leadership Position(s) Held**

**School Related Activities**

**Honors and Awards**

**Volunteer and Community Service**

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place) \_\_\_\_\_ (How long) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title)

2<sup>nd</sup> Parent / Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other 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> (check if 'yes')
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION FORM AND ATTACHED SUPPORTING MATERIAL IS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, TRUTHFUL, ACCURATE AND COMPLETE, AND I AUTHORIZE THE FSBGC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO VERIFY SUCH.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian

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## FINANCIALS

Please submit the FASFA confirmation page or complete the information below.

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Type a response to the following question on separate sheet(s) of paper using 12-point Times New Roman font.

**Answer in your own words, Describe the world you come from, your struggles and achievements, and your goals for the future.**

**With this packet please include:**

One Letter of Recommendation

1 Unofficial Transcript

Personal Statement Page

FAFSA Confirmation Page or Financial Page

Color Photograph (3.5" x 5" or 4" x 6")

(88.9mm x 127mm - or - 101.6mm x 152.4mm)

*For the purpose of judging my qualifications as it relates to the Fort Smith Boys and Girls Clubs scholarship, along with my parent(s)/guardian(s), I give BGCA permission to share my complete scholarship packet (excluding my personal information such as my Social Security number), with reviewers from FSBGC's committee. I hereby attest that all information contained in this application form and attached supporting materials are to the best of my knowledge truthful, accurate and complete. I (we) hereby consent to any and all use, including but not limited to print and online publication of photographs or information received, taken or submitted in relation to this scholarship application.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature (if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Completed forms and all attachments, can be dropped off at  
**FSBGC Administration Offices, 6015 Boys Club Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72908**  
or emailed to Beth Presley, FSBGC CEO at [bpresley@fsbgc.org](mailto:bpresley@fsbgc.org).

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