

Springfield Oaks Church
George A. Brogdon Memorial Scholarship
Guidelines

1. The applicant must be a member of a Christian Church
2. Applicants and recipients of this scholarship must be a member of the graduating class of Effingham County High School, South Effingham High School, an accredited private school, or an accredited home school program during the year in which the scholarship is awarded.
3. Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of **NEED**, character, academic performance, and all around sincerity of purpose.
4. Scholarship monies are to be paid to the college/university at the beginning of each semester once the student is enrolled in either a vocational/technical college or college/university, and proof of enrollment is provided for each semester.
5. Application and supporting documentation is due to the guidance counselor at the applicant's high school or Springfield Oaks Church secretary (private school applicants and home school students) no later than 3:00 pm on the **3rd Wednesday** of April each year.
6. Guidance counselor will submit the completed application and supporting documentation to the chairman of the Springfield Oaks Church George A. Brogdon Memorial Scholarship Committee no later than 3:00 pm on the **4th Wednesday** of April each year.
7. The scholarship recipient will be recognized during the 11:00 am service at Springfield Oaks Church during the month of May. The scholarship will be presented during Senior Class Night at the recipient's High School.
8. The applicant is to submit the Springfield Oaks Church George A. Brogdon Memorial Scholarship application.
9. The applicant is to submit a short (no more than 300 words) autobiographical sketch reflecting their accomplishments and goals. The autobiographical sketch must be grammatically correct and keyed using word processing software, utilizing a 12 point Times New Roman or Calibri font with 1" margins.
10. The Applicant is to submit three (3) letters of recommendation as part of their scholarship application package. One letter of recommendation must be from the applicant's pastor, one letter of recommendation must be from a high school teacher, and one letter of recommendation is the applicant's choice.
11. The applicant is to submit a copy of pages 1 and 2 of the family's most recent federal income tax return. Please place the income tax returns **in a sealed envelope** prior to submitting to the Guidance Counselor at your high school. Please include **ALL** income in the home of the applicant. **INCOME TAX RETURN MUST BE INCLUDED FOR THE COMMITTEE TO PROCESS YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, AS THE FIRST BASIS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP IS NEED. FAILURE TO SUBMIT INCOME TAX RETURNS WILL RESULT IN THE APPLICATION BEING REJECTED.** Only the chairman of the Springfield Oaks Church George A. Brogdon Memorial Scholarship committee will have access to identification information found in the income tax returns. The income tax returns will be destroyed after the recipient of the scholarship is selected.
12. The applicant is to submit a copy of their current official high school transcript and most recent SAT/ACT/COMPASS/ASSET/ACCUPLACER scores for the application to be considered.
13. Scholarship finalists will be interviewed by the George A. Brogdon Memorial Scholarship Committee prior to final selection of the recipient.

14. The scholarship is currently awarded in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five dollars (\$1,125.00) per semester for a maximum of eight (8) semesters. The total amount of the scholarship is Nine Thousand dollars (\$9,000.00). One half (1/2) of this amount will be awarded for recipients attending a vocational/technical college.
15. To assure that recipients of the Springfield Oaks Church George A. Brogdon Memorial Scholarship are dedicated to attaining a quality post-secondary education, the committee has created the following guidelines for continued funding of the scholarship. ELIGIBILITY STATUS WILL BE REVIEWED FOLLOWING EACH SEMESTER THE SCHOLARSHIP IS FUNDED.

| Year | Fall Semester | Spring Semester | End of Year | Notes |
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| 1 | 12 Credit Hours 2.5 GPA | 12 Credit Hours 2.5 GPA | Attained 21 Credit Hours Maintained a 2.5 GPA | <p>If at the conclusion of any semester it is mathematically impossible for the recipient to attain the required number of credits at the end of the current year or maintain a 2.5 GPA, the scholarship will be suspended for the following semester. The recipient will self-fund their education for that semester, and the recipient's status will be reviewed at the end of the self-funded semester. If the recipient attains the required credit hours and maintains a 2.5 GPA at the end of the self-funded semester, the scholarship will be reinstated and the recipient will be reimbursed the suspended funds. The recipient will only be granted one (1) suspension and reinstatement as part of the Springfield Oaks Church George A. Brogdon Scholarship. The second time the recipient fails to attain the required credits and maintain a 2.5 GPA, the balance of the scholarship will be forfeited and becomes the property of the Springfield Oaks Church.</p> |
| 2 | 12 Credit Hours 2.5 GPA | 12 Credit Hours 2.5 GPA | Attained 42 Credit Hours Maintained a 2.5 GPA | |
| 3 | 12 Credit Hours 2.5 GPA | 12 Credit Hours 2.5 GPA | Attained 63 Credit Hours Maintained a 2.5 GPA | |
| 4 | 12 Credit Hours 2.5 GPA | 12 Credit Hours 2.5 GPA | Attained 84 Credit Hours Maintained a 2.5 GPA | |

16. The recipient will be required to submit required documentation to the chairman of the Springfield Oaks Church George A. Brogdon Scholarship committee or his/her designee in a timely manner. Documentation includes, but is not limited to class schedules and grade reports. Timelines will be established by the committee after the recipient is selected and their college calendar is reviewed. Failure to submit required documentation in a timely manner may slow the process of funding the scholarship or cause the scholarship to be forfeited.
17. Please submit your Springfield Oaks Church George A. Brogdon Memorial Scholarship package documents in the following order:
 - a. Application
 - b. Autobiographical Sketch
 - c. Letter of Recommendation from Pastor
 - d. Letter of Recommendation from High School Teacher
 - e. Letter of Recommendation from Other
 - f. Families Income Tax Returns (in a sealed envelope)
 - g. Current Official High School Transcript
 - h. Most Recent SAT/ACT/COMPASS Scores

Scholarship Application Checklist

(Please check each box when documentation is complete and included in package)

Application will not be considered if all items are not included.

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