

**DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS
March 31, 2020 BY 4:00PM.**

TO: ALL GRADUATING SENIORS

FROM: CLEVELAND-BOLIVAR COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHAMBER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

RE: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Attached is the application for the Chamber Scholars Program along with the criteria. As stated, this application is open to all graduating seniors. The scholarship is in the amount of \$400 and is to be used toward your tuition at the school of your choice. We want each and every eligible graduating senior that plans to further their education to apply. **Please take your time filling out the form, as every year scholarship applications are disqualified due to the fact the applicant has not included all necessary documents.** If need be, please get someone to help you with your application so that you can submit the **best** of yourself to the committee. Take your time and think about the reason that you are applying and then write your brief essay in the space provided on the application.

It is through the Chamber members of Bolivar County who support this program each year that we are able to have Chamber Scholars. Without their continued support, we would not be able to recognize our seniors who give the best of themselves academically and in community service.

Again, please be sure and apply! Remember: The only thing keeping you from doing and being what you want is YOU. There is a way to further your education and getting this scholarship is a great start.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Comans
Chamber President

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE POLICY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Student must be enrolled in an accredited high school in Bolivar County.
 - Bayou Academy
 - Cleveland School District
 - North Bolivar Consolidated School District
 - West Bolivar Consolidated School District
2. The child of an employee of the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce is not eligible to participate.
3. Each high school in the district represented by valid applications will have a minimum of one scholarship awarded.
4. Each student applying must meet all the requirements as established by the Scholarship Committee.

CHAMBER SCHOLARS PROGRAM CRITERIA

The following is a list of the criteria for the Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Award.

1. A minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 system.

2. A minimum score of 18 on the ACT

or

3. A minimum score of 860 on the SAT

The student will also have to provide the following information:

1. A copy of their high school transcript attached to the application.

2. Any other test scores which they think will improve their application.

3. A list of school and community activities.

4. Two (2) character reference letters from NON-relatives.

****Please refer to the scoring sheet to see how the applications are scored****

Judges Application Scoring form

Name of Applicants _____ Judge's Name _____

Leadership Qualities

1. Held a Student Government Office
2. Athletic Participation
3. Club Leadership
4. Supervisory experience in employment

Character

1. Youth involvement (attendance in retreats, fund-raising, choir, etc.)
2. Recognition by peers (Best All Around, Most Likely to Succeed, etc.)
3. Achievement in non-school activities (Scout programs- merit badges earned etc.)
4. Selection to attend Boys/ Girls State, Civic Club camps etc.
5. Two (2) letters of character reference from non-relatives (one (1) from a teacher and one (1) from someone who is not a teacher) who have known the student for two years.

Academic Achievements

1. Grades/ difficulty of courses taken
2. Honor Roll
3. National Honor Society or other Scholastic Honor Society Membership
4. Awards won in science fairs, interscholastic academic competitions, etc.
5. Recognition by outside groups for intellect (National Merit Scholar, etc.)

Community /School Involvement

1. Participation in scholastic extracurricular activities and recognition therein (All Stars, All County team, awards for yearbook design, etc.)
2. Employment
3. Volunteer work for community (United Way agencies, hospital, nursing homes, etc.)
4. Volunteer work for school (car washes, bake sales, other fund-raising activities)

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CHAMBER SCHOLARS AWARDS
APPLICATION FORM

Date of Application _____ Social Security # _____

Full Name _____
Last First Middle

Name(s) of Parents or Guardians _____

Home Address _____
P. O. Box, Street or Route

City State Zip Code

Mailing Address _____
P. O. Box, Street or Route

City State Zip Code

Telephone # _____ Age _____

Name of high school attending _____

College or University preference _____

Briefly state the reasons why you are applying for the Chamber Scholar Award
(**Attach a separate sheet if necessary**)

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE THE APPLICATION FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE EVALUATED. ***NOT SUBMITTING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED COULD CAUSE YOUR APPLICATION TO BE DISQUALIFIED***

1. Attach a copy of your high school transcript.
2. Submit any other test scores which you think will improve your application.
3. List any school and community activities in which you have participated.
4. List two (2) character references and attach a letter from each one. One of your references must include a high school teacher and the other must be someone who is **not** in the teaching profession. These references must have known you for at least two years and their letters should state that fact. **Neither of these references can be a relative.**

I hereby certify the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Parents/Guardian _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor _____

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR IS MARCH 31, 2020.