

## Dalton Education Foundation Scholarship Application

Due in the Counseling Office on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> by 2:00 p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Which Scholarship are you applying for (may check more than 1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Jim and Nancy Hawkins Scholarship (for future educator)

\_\_\_\_\_ James E. Martin Memorial Math Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ The Harlan Starr Memorial Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ Wright Business Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_ Demera Keith Robinson Scholarship (Must attach the essay)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tanner Karr Scholarship (Must attach separate application)

\_\_\_\_\_ Willissa H. Marsh Scholarship (Must attach separate application)

\_\_\_\_\_ Dale Cook Memorial Award

\_\_\_\_\_ John Bruner Scholarship

What are your future college and career plans: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please describe an obstacle or hardship you have overcome in order to be successful in school.

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**Do you have any special talents or skills that set you apart from your fellow students?**

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**Please describe any history of volunteer work in the community or employment.**

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**What school activities have you participated in during your high school years?**

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**Do you have financial need?** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Dr. Jim & Nancy Hawkins Scholarship

Two scholarships, \$1,000 each, will be given through the Dalton Education Foundation annually with one each going to a deserving graduating senior at The Dalton Academy and Dalton High School. It is preferred that the recipients be students going into the field of education and attending Dalton State College. The respective school's Scholarship Committees will review applicants and make the final decision on the recipients. The scholarship will be announced at the school's Scholarship/Honors night. Funds for the scholarships will be in a flow through account and will be presented to the Dalton Education Foundation each year spring before the presentations.

## Who Were Jim and Rowena Martin?

“Responsible, good character, dependable, dedicated and hard workers” describe, in part, who Jim and Rowena Martin were.

Many people had the opportunity to know them; they spent more than 35 years in Dalton and reared their two daughters, Del and Marla here.

James E. (Jim) Martin and Rowena Hyatt each came separately to Dalton in the 1940’s or 1950’s to teach and coach at Dalton High School, where they met and married.

Both were extremely talented in their teaching abilities and in other areas and both remained in Dalton until their respective retirements.

Jim taught mathematics at Dalton High and became Math Department chairman, earning STAR Teacher nominations and awards along the way.

Rowena, a very petite and energetic soul, eventually found herself beautifully matched with young children as an elementary physical education teacher, most recently at Westwood School.

They complemented one another in many ways. Jim was quieter and came across as a deep, analytical thinker. When DHS students thought about the teachers who best exemplified academic excellence, he would come to mind.

He handled many responsibilities around the high school beyond his math classroom and was always respected by colleagues and students as a serious teacher with a wonderful dry wit.

Rowena’s effervescent charm was enhanced by a truly creative spirit, which she exuded through arts, crafts, writing, story-telling or teaching.

One never knew what to expect when walking into the Westwood School gymnasium, but one could always count on children’s wonderland of colorful, artistic, ingenious lessons that magnetically drew in young children and had them moving meaningfully within seconds of arriving.

In part because of her height and her pixie hairstyle, the children dubbed her “Peter Pan.” Perhaps it was less her physical appearance and more her magical qualities with people and her delightful sense of humor that earned her this affectionate nickname.

Both Jim and Rowena were in demand for special projects and both willingly shared their time and talents to build a better school district and a better community.

Neither required center stage, preferring to empower and affirm other while quietly making enchanting things happen.

**Harlan Starr Memorial Scholarship  
Administered by  
Dalton Education Foundation, Inc.**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the scholarship is to honor the memory of Harlan Starr by providing college funds for a young person who best exemplifies the traits of his outstanding 1972 Dalton High School graduate.

**Funding**

The scholarship was initially established in the amount of \$2000. Most recent amount awarded was \$1,200.00 and this is the present amount being awarded.

The Scholarship check will be paid by the Foundation to the admissions officer of the college or university in which the recipient is enrolled. This payment will be made at the beginning of the fall quarter of the recipient's freshman year unless other arrangements are made.

**Harlan Starr**

Harlan Starr died in the summer of 1998 of a heart attack at the age of 44 while chaperoning a group of Boy Scouts on an ocean adventure at Sea Base off the coast of South Florida. A 1972 graduate of Dalton High School, he received his bachelor's degree from Emory University and a law degree from the University of Georgia. As a founding partner in law firm of Bates, Kelehear and Starr, he served as a public defender for Whitfield County.

Mr. Starr was very active in the community. He served as the Whitfield County Board of Elections Chairman, Family Crisis Center President, and Dalton Civitan Club President. He was a member of the Dalton-Whitfield Historic Preservation Commission, the Epilepsy Foundation of Dalton, and the Northwest Georgia Council of the Boys Scouts of America. He was proponent of public schools.

He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, where he served as a Eucharistic minister.

Mr. Starr's first priority was his family. He and his wife, Leslie, have two sons: Mac and Jeff. He devoted many hours to their upbringing and was directly involved in many of their activities.

An Eagle Scout, he worked with his sons' Scout programs as a Webelos leader and a Boy Scout volunteer.

Mr. Starr also coached ball in both the Dalton and Whitfield Parks and Recreation programs.

Friends of Mr. Starr approached the Foundation about creating a scholarship in his memory. These men contacted Harlan's friends and raised enough money to establish the scholarship in 1998 with the first award given in May 1999.

### **Qualifications**

The creator specified that this award should be given to the Dalton High School senior who has lettered in sports and who best reflects the qualities Harlan Starr exhibited during his life.

Harlan Starr was an ethical man. As a lawyer and community leader, he promoted equality and social justice. He was fair and he sought fairness in all situations.

Mr. Starr believed in doing one's best in all that one attempts. For a student to qualify for this scholarship, that student must be known for giving his or her best academically and athletically. The requirement is not that he or she be a top student or a top athlete, but that he or she does the best the person can academically and athletically. Effort, dedication, and perseverance are what counted to him.

One's social status did not matter to Harlan Starr. He showed respect for and exhibited kindness to all people. He was comfortable in various social situations and knew how to bring out the best in others. His focus was on other people, not himself.

As both a participant and a coach in various sports, he believed that sports foster acceptance of all kinds of people. Mr. Starr believed in teamwork and a positive attitude and encouraged both among the youngsters he coached.

Mr. Starr was a children's advocate who recognized that youngster, in the process of learning, sometimes make bad decision. While he believed that there should be consequences for inappropriate actions, he also believed in giving others a "second chance."

He was a role model for others and a mentor in many ways. A firm believer in the need for youth to be resistant to peer pressure, he is remembered for his quote; "You have to be your own man." Harlan Starr believed in giving back to others through school and community involvement, as evidenced by his work in his church, Boy Scouts, recreation programs, civic organizations and non-profit agencies.

### **Selection Process**

Members of the Scholarship Committee of Dalton High School shall choose the recipient.

### **Presentation**

The scholarship will be presented initially at the Dalton High School Honors Night. A letter denoting the honor will be given to the recipient at the Honors Night program. It will be the recipient's responsibility to notify the Dalton Education Foundation of the college or university to which the check should be sent. The student should provide the name and address of the appropriate office.

The actual scholarship will be mailed as a check to the recipient's chosen college or university. Scholarship checks are mailed in August as a rule. Exceptions can be made by writing to the Foundation and notifying of the recipient's requested change.

**Business Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship, a \$1,100 scholarship** created and endowed by Lamar and Ann Wright of Dalton in honor of their sons, Kevin and Bucky Wright.

The intent of this scholarship is to help assure that aspiring business leaders receive the essential bedrock educational opportunities on which they can build a foundation for future business success to benefit not only themselves, but also their employees, investors and communities.

Recipient traits see a young person of high character and integrity who:

- Is a leader
- Through academics, job and/or other experiences, has exhibited keen interest in entrepreneurship or business
- Can persevere in the face of challenges
- Is willing to take risks
- Possesses a strong work ethic
- Possesses strong communication skills
- Possesses strong “people skills”
- Can creatively bring people together for financial investment or team development
- Has reasonable academic capabilities (a suggested B average or better)
- Has demonstrated civic or volunteer involvement in his/her community



Demera Keith Robinson Memorial Scholarship  
Guidelines for Application  
and Selection

Demera Keith Robinson was an English teacher at her alma mater, Dalton High School. This scholarship was established in her memory by friends and family.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$1000 is to be awarded to one recipient or two \$500 recipients.

The applicant must be a Dalton High School graduate and maintain a GPA of no less than a 3.5 in their English classes.

Additionally, the applicants will write an essay based on the quote below.

The Dalton High English teachers will make the final selection for the scholarship(s) based on the essays.

"She's a dreamer, a doer, a thinker. She sees possibilities everywhere." - author unknown



**Tanner Karr Memorial Scholarship,  
Class of 2011  
Administered by  
Dalton Education Foundation, Inc.**

**Purpose**

The purpose of the scholarship is to honor the memory of Tanner Karr by providing college funds for a young person who best exemplifies the traits of this outstanding 2011 Dalton High School graduate.

**Funding**

The scholarship initially will be established with the goal of \$1,000 with the final amount to be determined each year.

The Scholarship check will be paid by the Foundation to the admissions officer of the college or university in which the recipient is enrolled. This payment will be made at the beginning of the fall quarter of the recipient's freshman year unless other arrangements are made.

**Qualifications**

The creator specified that this award should be given to the Dalton Public Schools senior who best reflects the qualities Tanner Karr exhibited during his life.

Criteria to be considered in determining the recipient should include:

A minimum of a 3.5 GPA

Interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in college

Active within the community and/or extra-curricular activities

Portray the quality of kindness through everyday actions

## **Tanner Karr**

Tanner Karr embodied everything that it was to be a Catamount in and outside the classroom. He excelled in his studies, participated in several academic clubs including Beta Club, FBLA, and NHS, and graduated in the top 10 of his class. On top of that, Tanner was a scholar-athlete (all four years) participating in football, cross country, and track and field. Tanner was truly a well-rounded student and also showed his talents on the stage with the catamount chorus. Tanner was also an active member of his community participating in his church youth group and FCA. But Tanner was way more than a resume. It was the way Tanner carried himself in all these areas that made him stand out. He was kind, funny, encouraging, loving, and trustworthy. He earned the respect of everyone he encountered, and he always left others feeling uplifted. So much so, that Tanner was voted 'Most Dependable' by his peers. Nothing speaks more highly of Tanner than the impact he left on those around him and now those that he will continue to impact forever.

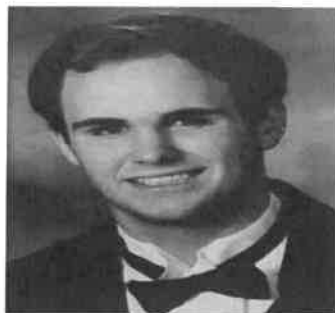
## **Selection Process**

Members of the Scholarship Committees of Dalton High School, Morris Innovative High School, and/or The Dalton Academy shall choose the recipient. Students to be considered may be nominated by members of the committees or by student applications.

## **Presentation**

The scholarship will be presented initially at the High School's Honors Program of the school attended by the recipient. A letter denoting the honor will be given to the recipient at the Honors Night program. It will be the recipient's responsibility to notify the Dalton Education Foundation of the college or university to which the check should be sent. The student should provide the name and address of the appropriate office.

The actual scholarship will be mailed as a check to the recipient's chosen college or university. Scholarship checks are mailed in August as a rule. Exceptions can be made by writing to the Foundation and notifying of the recipient's requested change.



## Tanner Karr Memorial Scholarship, Class of 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Process:

- 1) Include your academic transcript
- 2) What degree do you plan to work towards during your college experience: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Briefly, describe what activities you have been involved in, both at school and in the community.

- 4) Describe how you show the quality of kindness through your activities and through your everyday life.

# The Willisa H. Marsh Future Educator's \$1000 Scholarship

*Willisa was a graduate of the class of 1996 with twelve years of perfect attendance.  
She went on to Berry College and then came back to teach in Whitfield County.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Process:

- 1) Include your academic transcript
- 2) Attach a detailed, one-page typed essay expressing what led you to your goal of becoming a teacher and how you have been influenced. Include any activities in which you have been involved, volunteer service, work experience, and/or honors you have received both in and out of school.
- 3) Submit with the DEF Scholarship Application to the counseling office by April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **Dale Cook Memorial Award**

The Dale Cook Memorial Service Award will be presented at Dalton High Honors Night annually. The award is to recognize a senior student who exemplifies the same characteristics that Dale Cook exhibited in her life.

The award will be given by the Dalton High Faculty and the Dalton Education Foundation. The selection of the award will be made by the Dalton High Scholarship Committee and a representative of the media staff.

The funds to finance the award will be kept in a Dalton Education Foundation account. A plaque will be housed in the Dalton High Media Center to commemorate the names of all recipients. A check for \$250.00 will be given to the recipient of the scholarship.

If changes in the award or its format are needed, the Dalton High Faculty and the Dalton Education foundation must be consulted.

### **Criteria for Selection**

The student who exemplifies the following characteristics:

- Looks for the good in situations and in people
- Has a respect for rules, property and other individuals
- Is inquisitive
- Is helpful to others
- Is caring and concerned
- Is energetic
- Strives to do their best
- Takes academic and extra-curricular
- Exhibits good school spirit

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JOHN BRUNER

John Bruner was 19 when he died on August 4, 2007 of a heart anomaly. John was running in the Missionary Ridge road race as he prepared himself to compete with his Bobcat cross country team at Georgia College and State University.

As a 2006 graduate of Dalton High School John loved his school. His senior year he was the captain of the cross country team and led the team to the Region 7 AAAA championship. John lettered on the cross country and track teams during all four years at DHS.

John's running and academic success at DHS earned him a scholarship to GCSU where he earned a spot on the cross country team as a freshman. John finished 20<sup>th</sup> in the Peach State conference championship meet in the fall of 2006. John's last race was a benefit run with 500 entrants at Lake Burton on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007. As his family and friends cheered him on, John Bruner finished in first place. He was a true champion! John had a dream to run and he lived it.

John was an Eagle Scout. In 2006 he gave back to scouting when as an adult leader he led nine boys on a two week backpacking trek across the Philmont scout reservation in New Mexico. For his eagle project John restored the Norma Gordon nature trail at Prater's Mill in Whitfield County.

John was a life long member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where he received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. He volunteered as a religious education instructor and taught other children their sacramental preparation prayers. John was also a member of the youth chorus at St. Joseph's.

He served his community as a dorm officer at GCSU and spent the summer of 2007 working with less privileged youth at the Dalton Boys & Girls Club.

John's greatest legacy is his smile. He loved his classmates, teachers, teammates, coaches, friends, family, brother, sister and parents. John included everyone and his smile warmed the hearts of all those who had the honor to know him.



### QUALIFICATIONS

The creators specify this award be given to the graduating senior who as a Dalton High School cross-country or track athlete best exemplified John Bruner's character.

John embodied all that is **good** in a 19 year old young man. John loved to play and had the **courage** to try anything. At Dalton High he was often placed up front in chorus performances because of his short stature. Even though John lacked rhythm he still broadcast a **big smile** while he **did his best** to keep the beat. His **relaxed fun** spirit and **willingness to please** made him a **joy to be with**.

John was **charming** because as he grew older he never felt he had to grow up. Growing up to John was additive. Each year he became more **mature** but he never let go of the kid inside. Put another way, John was not a sophomore in college at the time of his death, he was a kindergarten, middle school, high school, college kid all rolled up in one. He related to children of all ages because he never outgrew the kid in himself. The kid in John made him **kind and caring**.

John understood his obligation to God and demonstrated his faith by **servicing others**. He spent his last summer working as a youth counselor at the Boys and Girls Club. John was **compassionate** towards those who may have felt abandoned. If a classmate or team mate felt hurt or left out, John would reach out to **console** them. John **appreciated diversity** and understood every individual is unique. His own size and learning challenges made John especially **sensitive** to the personal feelings and needs of those around him. John **included everyone**.

In the classroom John struggled, many disciplines like spelling, math and memorizing were tough for John to learn. Despite this adversity John **studied and maintained his grades**. He knew the **importance of an education** and **aspired to attend college** as an athlete. John's determination earned him a scholarship to GCSU.

In running John was complete. He **respected his coach's** and **supported his teammates**. He learned that **hard work** gets rewarded. His senior year John was captain of the Dalton High School cross country team. With John's **leadership and dedication** to his team's success, they won the region 7AAAA championship.

John was **humbled** by his success in sports and **loved life** to the end.





### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Members of the Scholarship Committee along with the head cross country and track coaches of Dalton High School shall choose the male or female recipient.

### **PRESENTATION**

The scholarship will be presented initially at the Dalton High School Honors Night.

A letter denoting the honor will be given to the recipient during the Honors Night program.

It will be the recipient's responsibility to notify the Dalton Education Foundation of the college or university to which the check should be sent. The student should provide the name and address for the appropriate office.

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