Troy Lawson Scholarship
Greensboro, NC

Application due Wed. May 1, 2024 (postmark date):



Who was Troy Lawson?

Troy Lawson was born on July 13th, 1962 to Tellis and Helen Lawson in Roslindale, Massachusetts. He graduated from Jamaica Plain High School in 1980 and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Boston College, class of 1984. He earned his MBA from Strayer University in 2018. He worked in higher education, nonprofit management, and consulting.

Troy's passion for politics began at a young age; as a teenager, he volunteered on a political campaign in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2017 he was elected the first African American Chairman of the Guilford County Republican Party and ran a strong campaign for a seat on the Guilford County Board of Commissioners in 2020. Troy also worked tirelessly on several local and statewide political campaigns. He had a passion for education and was a proud member of the board at Gate City Charter Academy in Greensboro, NC.

In his free time, Troy enjoyed spending time with his wife, daughters, and dogs Oscar, Winnie, and Kramer, watching his favorite shows Seinfeld and The Office, and creating new recipes in the kitchen. He was also an official Kansas City BBQ Judge. He and his wife loved trying new restaurants and spending summers at Carolina Beach, NC. One of his proudest accomplishments was reaching the rank of Eagle Scout in The Boy Scouts of America in 1979. Troy Lawson passed away during heart surgery on November 30th, 2020.

We, at the Troy Lawson Scholarship Fund, honor Mr. Lawson's life of conservative values, leadership, and service to the community by awarding scholarships to high school seniors. Our desire is to encourage and celebrate conservative values in high school teens. Our goal is to financially assist high school seniors with their first year of post-high school education in a technical/trade school, community college, or 4-year university.

Scholarship amount:

$1,000 year one

Applicant Requirements:

- High school senior Class of 2024 who resides in Guilford County and is graduating from a public, private, charter, or home school.
- US Citizen
- Unweighted GPA –Minimum 2.75

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Applicant Qualities:

Believes in and lives by conservative values, leadership qualities, and American patriotism. Demonstrates service in the local community during high school: Examples: Teen Age Republicans (TARS), scouting, political campaigns, mission work, church, educational volunteer opportunities, or local volunteering in other non-profit organizations.

Application Submission:

Interested Guilford County seniors are to apply and mail the following application hardcopy documents by due date.

1. An essay that contains the following: (one-page minimum and three-page maximum, double spaced, font size 10-12.)
   - What do you love about America? (paragraph response in the essay)
   - What are your core conservative values and how do you demonstrate those values in your life as a teen? (paragraph response in the essay)
2. Official high school transcript (properly sealed in an envelope)
3. Current resume (include education, achievements, part-time work, volunteer service)
4. Copy of a government-issued photo ID (driver's permit, driver's license, or US passport.)
5. Two letters of recommendation from educators, coaches, club advisers, religious leaders, volunteer organizations, and/or employers. (no family or friends)
6. Letter of acceptance from your chosen technical/trade school, community college, or a four-year university for Fall 2024.

Submit all application materials to:

Guilford County GOP
Attn: Troy Lawson Scholarship Committee
5500 W Friendly Avenue, Suite 101-A
Greensboro, NC 27410

For questions contact:

Troy Lawson Scholarship Committee Chair: Michelle Bardsley

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