

*West Side High School*  
*Class of 1969*



March 16, 2026

Dear Counselor:

The West Side High School Class of 1969 (formerly known as the Henry County Training School, McDonough, Georgia), along with Dr. Richard Binkney, is offering its annual scholastic achievement/service scholarship for **students of color** in 2026. The scholarship is recognized as the **Dr. Sheila Wilkerson Binkney and Eddie C. Johnson/West Side High Class of 1969 Memorial Scholarships**. The scholarships will be administered by the West Side High School Class of 1969 Alumni Committee in association with Dr. Richard Binkney.

We are reaching out to the counselors at each Henry County High School, to solicit your support in identifying potential qualified candidates for the scholarship and providing them with the application for possible submittal. We further request your endorsement of qualified candidates by reviewing and signing off on applications submitted from your school (please reference the **Statement of Accuracy for Students**, page 3 of the application).

The scholarships will be awarded to a minimum of two (2) students. In subsequent years, additional or larger scholarship awards are under consideration.

Attached to this letter is the scholarship application that identifies all requirements for submission, and a page that denotes criteria (**Scoring Criteria**, page 4) upon which all applications will be assessed. **Please note that the application post mark deadline is Monday, May 4, 2026**. The recipients will be awarded the scholarship at a venue, hosted by West Side High School Class of 1969, in the fall of this year.

Thank you for your support and participation in this endeavor.

Mary Bradley  
West Side High School Class of 1969  
Scholarship Committee Chairperson



C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:

8. A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name:  
B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:

9. A. Were you born in Henry County? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_  
B. Are you a descendent of a Henry County Training School alumnus? Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_  
C. Is a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian an alumnus of the **West Side High Class of 1969**?  
Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

If your answer is 'yes' to B and/or C, please complete blocks A, B, and C below.

10.	A.	His/her full name:		
	B.	Email Address	C.	Phone no:

**11. On a separate sheet, please write an essay (250 - 500 words) answering the questions below:**

Describe how volunteer or community service has shaped who you are today and what community service has taught you, and how you will give back to the community. Also, discuss in your essay any challenges or obstacles you have dealt with and overcome in life and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond.

### **Program Guidelines & Priorities:**

- \* Seeking graduating seniors with a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities.
- \* Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college or technical school.
- \* Scholarship funds will be awarded in the fall of 2026 pending verification of enrollment and proof of acceptance.

### **BONUS POINTS**

- 1. WSHS Class of 1969 descendant**
- 2. Henry County Native**
- 3. Descendant of Henry County Training School Alumni**

\* Applicants must have the endorsement of their School Counselor on their application attesting they are a qualified for this scholarship program. ***West Side High Class of 1969 strongly suggests that each high school present this opportunity to the strongest applicants that match the program's guidelines.***

Applications **MUST** be received in the mail at the address below by midnight on **Monday, May 4, 2026.** **Late applications will not be accepted.**

Send application package to:

**Mary Bradley  
615 Clearwater Ct.  
McDonough, GA 30252  
Contact info: mebradley@bellsouth.net**

*(This includes application with sign-off by School Counselor, essay, resume, and school transcript.)*

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship recipient my picture may be taken and used to promote the **Dr. Sheila Wilkerson Binkney and Eddie C. Johnson/West Side High Class of 1969 Memorial Scholarships**. (Recipients may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to the **Dr. Sheila Wilkerson Binkney and Eddie C. Johnson/West Side High Class of 1969 Memorial Scholarships'** policy, I must be present or represented by a family member at any potential awards ceremony or reception in the fall of 2026 to receive my certificate. The scholarship award will be mailed to the school of your choice.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY SCHOOL COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application submitted to the **Dr. Sheila Wilkerson Binkney and Eddie C. Johnson/West Side High Class of 1969 Memorial Scholarships'** Committee.

Signature of Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist** (Please use this checklist to ensure that all information is included in this packet.)

- Application
- Essay
- Resume/Activity Sheet
- Guidance Counselor signature
- School Transcript

### MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO

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