



2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in the scholarship and cash awards offered through the St. Landry Chamber Foundation.

We encourage you to read the entire scholarship package very carefully. **Failure to complete the application, and/or failure to attach the requested documents will automatically disqualify the applicant.**

The "Basis" for each scholarship is described on the following pages. You may apply for scholarships by filling out the enclosed forms. There is no need to duplicate applications. Please indicate which scholarship(s) you are applying for by placing a check mark in the YES or NO box of the scholarship and include that sheet with your application.

Please note that only students graduating from schools listed at the end of each page describing the Scholarship Basis can apply for that scholarship.

Mail or hand deliver your completed application with all supporting documents to:

**St. Landry Chamber Foundation
Scholarship Program
109 W. Vine St.
Opelousas, LA 70570**

Submission Deadline March 7, 2025 @ Noon

Please remember to make a copy of your application package for your files.

Reminder: Read the entire application package for specific details on rules regarding the essay, maintainability, and requested documents.

For more information, call Lori Dupuis, President/ CEO, at (337)942-2683
St. Landry Chamber of Commerce
109 W. Vine Street
Opelousas, LA 70570
Email: chamber@stlandrychamber.com



Participating Schools

(All St. Landry Parish schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning)

Academy of the Sacred Heart

Apostolic Christian Academy

Beau Chene High School

Westminster Christian Academy

JS Clark

North Central

Warriors of Christ Christian Academy

North West High School

Opelousas Catholic

Opelousas Senior High School

Port Barre High School

Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts

Accredited Home School Programs

Family Worship Christian Academy

LSMSA Students with Parents or Guardians residing in St. Landry Parish

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out the **ENTIRE** application. Do not leave anything blank. Any application with sections that are left blank will be considered **INCOMPLETE** and will not be reviewed.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Nick Name/Preferred name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parish _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security # _____

Most recent ACT Score (if applicable) _____

Date of Graduation _____

Major Course in Study _____

College/University/Technical College you plan to attend: _____

(Note: You must advise the Chamber of your first choice and submit a letter of acceptance from that school.)

Are you a current resident of St. Landry Parish? (Please check box) **YES** **NO**

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Along with this application, you **must submit an original official transcript** for each secondary and post-secondary academic institution attended. If you have a GED, include the original transcript with signature.

Did you do Dual-Enrollment? YES NO

If YES, list the school(s) attended with your most recent GPA:



Application Agreement

(Must be completed and returned by applicant and parent/guardian)

I/We certify that all information contained in this application is true and factual. We also agree that if applicant is selected as a finalist in the Scholarship and Awards Program, the St. Landry Chamber Foundation may use applicant's name and likeness and any other information or materials provided by applicant in connection with said program, including his/her resume, photograph(s), and video(s) for purposes of news, publicity, and advertising in all media including print, photographs, videos, and electronic media including but not limited to Internet websites, DVDs and CDs.

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student/Applicant's Name(print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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List of Extracurricular Activities

Leadership:

Community Service and Other:

I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL REQUIREMENT OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP FORM.

Signature of Applicant

Date: -----

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian:(Print) -----

Parent Legal Guardian Signature:-----



2025 St. Landry Chamber Foundation Scholarship Program Process

INITIAL SCREENING

- Formal application must be made by Noon, March 7, 2025.
- A Selection committee will screen applications, select finalists and choose scholarship award winners.
- Screening will be coordinated through the Chamber Foundation and participating St. Landry Parish senior high schools.
- Each essay will be graded as outlined in the attached scholarship application scoring and evaluation sheet.
- A formula will be devised to create same degree of balance and will be used as initial screening.
- Selection Committee will consist of representatives of the Chamber, Donors, and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.
- Must be a graduating high school senior of a St. Landry Parish High School, and resident of St. Landry Parish.
- Unless otherwise stated in the "Basis" for each award, the recipient must attend a Louisiana college, university or technical school.
- Minimum High School GPA 3.3 in major academic subjects only, unless otherwise stated in "Basis" of award.

Reminder: Read carefully "Basis" for each scholarship and maintainability. Attach requested documents to your application.



GRANTING OF THE SCHOLARSHIP/AWARDS

- Recipient will designate college/ university of choice.
- Chamber Foundation and Scholarship Donors will coordinate with college/university.
- Recipient must present acceptance letter from said college/university.
- Recipient must graduate from high school prior to the September college/ university freshman entry date.
- Recipient must maintain eligibility. (see below)

Maintain Eligibility (GPA based on 4.0 system)

- Must be a full-time student, carry and maintain twelve (12) semester hours per semester or equivalent, if on a quarter system.
- **Maintainability for all awards:** 2.5 overall Grade Point Average GPA on all courses taken at the end of the first (1st) semester of freshman year, by December 31 annually, **must be sent to donors and Chamber.**
- For Opelousas General Hospital Scholarship: Must maintain a 3.0 overall GPA each semester thereafter; **must be sent to chamber and Opelousas General Hospital.**
- By August 1st annually, recipient of the **Opelousas General Academics Scholarship** must request, in writing, continuation of payments to the university/college. The above requested information must be included.

Application will be disqualified for any of the following:

- Failure of student to maintain adequate standards as stated above.
- Conviction of student for any felony offense.
- Any acts of omissions inconsistent with the intent of this program.
- Falsification of any information required during scholarship process which includes application or reapplication and continuations.
- Voluntary relinquishment by recipient.
- Drafted in Armed forces: in this case the student may reapply, if discharged under honorable condition.



APPLICATION:

- Will have closing/deadline date.
- Must complete attached basic application form.
- Must submit essay; must be student's own work in terms of content.
- Must submit **all** appropriate and official (requested) supporting documents.
- Must agree to all terms and conditions.

2025 St. Landry Chamber Foundation Scholarship Program Essay Topic

Essay Option 1:

Imagine you have \$50,000 in start-up capital; what business would you start in St. Landry Parish and why?

Essay Option 2:

How would you encourage population growth in St. Landry Parish?

ESSAY:

- A written essay of **750-1,000** words submitted with application.
- Do not exceed 1,000 words.
- Essay must be typed and double spaced on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. (print one sided)
- Do not put your name on the essay. Only put the title and the last four numbers of your social security number.
- Do not include information that can make your identification easily revealed: i.e. your mother/fathers name, your home address, etc.

IMPORTANT

Reminder of required supporting documents:

- Essay
- Copy of Official ACT scores (If required for scholarship)
- Copy of current high school GPA, highlighting the qualifying scores
- Completed application form
- Letter from high school principal/counselor CERTIFYING the accuracy and veracity of supporting documents
- 2025 RELEASE FORM
- College Acceptance Letters

Scholarship Application Scoring & Evaluation Sheet

I. **Essay:** The Essay will be graded/evaluated based on the following criteria and in accordance to the percentages indicated.

II.

A.	Content	50%
B.	Creativity	20%
C.	Grammar	20%
D.	Form and Syntax	10%

III. **Application:** The scoring of the entire application, for the purpose of ranking, shall be done according to the following breakdown: *(Please note that scholarships not requiring ACT scores will have that percentage divvyed up among the other categories)*

A.	ACT	15%
B.	GPA	25%
C.	Essay	35%
D.	Activities	25%

IV. **Category Scoring:** Breakdown of each category listed in Section II will be done as follows:

A.	ACT	
1.	20 – 21	= 1 point
2.	22 – 24	= 2 point
3.	25 – 28	= 3 points
4.	29 – 32	= 4 points
5.	33 – 36	= 5 points

B.	GPA	
1.	2.50 – 3.29	= 1 point
2.	3.30 – 3.49	= 2 points
3.	3.50 – 3.79	= 3 points
4.	3.80 – 4.00	= 4 points

C.	ESSAY	
1.	> 75%	= 0 points
2.	76 - 79%	= 1 point
3.	80 - 83%	= 2 points
4.	84 - 89%	= 3 points
5.	90 - 94%	= 4 points
6.	95 - 100%	= 5 points

D.	Activities (Total High School Years)	
1.	0 – 5 extracurricular	= 0 points
2.	6 – 9 extracurricular	= 1 point
3.	10 – 14 extracurricular	= 2 points
4.	15 – 19 extracurricular	= 3 points
5.	20 – 24 extracurricular	= 4 points

E. Personal Interview

Note: Extra curricular activities include any school-related, non-academic programs; any church or civic club involvement; scouting, junior achievement, leadership events. Each year of involvement equals one (1) credit (example: each year of CYO in high school; each year in FBLA or FFA; each sport played equals one (1) credit, etc.



2025

**Candace Papillion - Haynes
Youth Leadership Scholarship**

Applying for:

YES

NO

Candace Papillion - Haynes is proud to sponsor a scholarship to award excellence in our community. The scholarship hopes to encourage, as well as assist students who wish to enter into a diverse range of fields.

The recipient of this scholarship will receive a one-time cash award of **\$500.00**. It will be presented in accordance with the attached selection criteria listed in this package.

To qualify the recipient must:

- Be a resident of St. Landry Parish and a graduate of a St. Landry Parish High School.
- Be a graduating senior from one of the institutions listed in the participating schools.
- Attend a Louisiana college, university, community college, or technical campus.
- Have a minimum **GPA of 2.5**.

Participating Schools:

All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.



2025

St. Landry Bank & Trust Student Excellence Scholarship

Applying for:

YES

NO

St. Landry Bank & Trust is proud to sponsor a scholarship to award excellence in our community. The scholarship hopes to encourage, as well as assist students who wish to enter into a diverse range of fields, as well as academic backgrounds.

The recipient of this scholarship will receive a one-time cash award of **\$500.00**. It will be presented in accordance with the attached selection criteria listed in this package.

To qualify the recipient must:

- Be a graduating senior from any of the institutions listed below
- Attend a Louisiana college, university, or technical campus

Participating Schools:

All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.



2025

**St. Landry Chamber Foundation
Frankie Bertrand Legacy Scholarship**

Applying for:

YES

NO

The St. Landry Chamber Foundation has a strong belief in contributing to the continuing education of St. Landry Parish high school graduates. This award can only be used at a Louisiana College, Louisiana university or Louisiana technical college.

Applicant must be a resident of St. Landry Parish and a graduate of a St. Landry Parish High School or accredited program with a minimum **GPA of 3.0** and **ACT Score of 20**.

This award is a one-time cash amount of **\$1,000.00**, given to a different student each year.

Participating Schools:

All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.



2025

**St. Landry Chamber Foundation
Leadership Excellence Scholarship**

Applying for:

YES

NO

St. Landry Parish Chamber Foundation is proud to sponsor a scholarship to award excellence in our community. The scholarship hopes to encourage, as well as assist students who wish to enter into a diverse range of fields.

The recipient of this scholarship will receive a one-time cash award of **\$500.00**. It will be presented in accordance with the attached selection criteria listed in this package.

To qualify the recipient must:

- Be a resident of St. Landry Parish and a graduate of a St. Landry Parish High School.
- Be a graduating senior from one of the institutions listed in the participating schools.
- Attend a Louisiana college, university, community college, or technical campus.
- Have a minimum **GPA of 2.5**.

Participating Schools:

All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.



2025

LHC GROUP INC.

Academic & Leadership Excellence Scholarship

Applying for:

YES

NO

In its continuing effort to share in and promote the growth and development of our community, LHC GROUP INC. offers a college scholarship program. Emphasis is on academic potential, as well as proven leadership ability, community activity, and having a continuing interest in the field of health care. Through this scholarship, the Board of Directors of LHC GROUP INC., hopes to encourage and assist students to enter the field of health care.

A one-time cash award of **\$1,000.00** will be awarded to, and in the name of one successful recipient. The award will be presented upon acceptance to said college/university.

The applicant seeking this award must:

- Be a resident of, and graduate from a St. Landry Parish High School
- Seek to further their education in the related field of health care
- Seek admission to a Louisiana Accredited college or university
- Meet the attached selection criteria as set forth by the scholarship committee of the St. Landry Chamber of Commerce
- Meet academic requirements of a **3.0 GPA** and an **ACT Score of 20**

Participating Schools:

All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.



Opelousas Kiwanis Club Scholarship Community Volunteerism Scholarship

Applying for:

YES

NO

In its continuing effort to share in and promote the civic and philanthropic growth and development of our community, The Opelousas Kiwanis Club offers a college scholarship program. Emphasis is on volunteerism efforts, as well as proven leadership ability, school involvement and community engagement.

The recipient of this scholarship will receive a one-time cash award of **\$500.00**.

The applicant seeking this award will be presented upon acceptance to the student's chosen college/university.

The applicant seeking the award must:

- Be a resident of, and graduate from a St. Landry Parish High School. Both student and guardian must reside in St. Landry Parish.
- Seek admission to a Louisiana Accredited college, university, community college system, or technical college.
- Meet the attached selection criteria as set forth by the Scholarship Committee of the Opelousas-St. Landry Chamber Foundation.

Participating Schools:

All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.



2025 Senior Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center Student Excellence Scholarship

Applying for:

YES

NO

Senior Village Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is excited to sponsor a scholarship program to promote and award excellence and growth in our community. Emphasis is on academic potential, as well as proven leadership ability, community engagement, and a passionate interest in the field of healthcare. Through this scholarship, Senior Village hopes to encourage and assist students to enter the field of long-term health care.

The well-deserved recipient of this scholarship will receive a one-time cash award of **\$500.00**. It will be presented in accordance with the attached selection criteria listed in this package.

To qualify the recipient must:

- Be a graduating senior from any of the institutions listed below
- Attend a Louisiana college, university, community college, or technical campus
- Major in healthcare

Participating Schools:

All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.



2025 Opelousas General Health System Academic & Leadership Excellence Scholarship

Applying for:

YES

NO

In its continuing effort to share in and promote the growth and development of our community, Opelousas General Health System offers a college scholarship program. Emphasis is obviously on an academic performance and potential, as well as proven leadership ability and community activity.

With the cost of higher education escalating annually, the Board of Directors of Opelousas General Health System feels that this program can meaningfully contribute toward offsetting major expense increases incurred through college cost of a family member.

The recipient of this scholarship will receive **\$1000.00 per semester**. It will be presented in accordance with the attached selection and maintenance criteria listed in this package. Again, we urge you to read and be aware of the selection and maintenance criteria as set forth by the Scholarship Committee of the St. Landry Chamber Foundation.

**This scholarship recipient must attend a college or university in Louisiana.
Major in Healthcare is required.**

Applicant must be a resident of St. Landry Parish and graduate of a St. Landry Parish High School with at minimum a **GPA of 3.0** and **ACT Score of 21**. (Both student and guardian must reside in St. Landry Parish.)

Participating Schools:

All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.



Educator Alexander

www.educatoralexander.com



2025 Educator Alexander Consulting Tiger Excellence Scholarship

Applying for:

YES

NO

Educator Alexander Consulting's Founder CEO, Dr. Desiree Alexander, is a proud graduate of Opelousas Senior High School's Class of 1997. We are excited to sponsor a scholarship program for her alma mater to promote and award excellence and provide positive growth in our community. Graduating seniors who work with an emphasis on academic excellence deserve to be honored and aided as they continue their educational journeys.

The well-deserved recipient of this scholarship will receive a one-time cash award of **\$500.00**. It will be presented in accordance with the attached selection criteria listed in this package.

The applicant seeking the award must:

- Be a resident of Opelousas, Louisiana
- Be a graduating senior from Opelousas Senior High School in Opelousas, Louisiana
- Meet academic requirements of a **3.0 GPA**

Participating School for this Scholarship:

Opelousas Senior High School