Scholarship Application Form

Background and Purpose:

Mrs. Dianne Williams Smith was born February 11, 1937 in Gainesville, FL. She later graduated in 1955 from Holmes County High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Florida State University. Dianne eventually married Orren R. Smith of Greenwood, Florida in 1961 and they soon moved back from Atlanta, GA to Dianne's hometown of Bonifay. Alongside her husband, she helped run the Holmes County Advertiser until 1981 when they sold the paper. Orren went to law school and she went back into teaching. She taught English and Humanities at Vernon High School and Holmes County High School; she retired in 2000. Mrs. Smith passed away in September 2017. A group of her former students from the Holmes County High School Class of 1994, her children and grandchildren, and members of the Bonifay Woman's Club in which she was very active in, wanted to honor her memory by creating this annual scholarship. It is their desire to award \$500 to a member of each senior class who excels in English and exhibits the standard of writing skills always expected from those who entered into and graduated from Mrs. Smith's classroom.

Amount of Scholarship:

For the Holmes County High School Class of 2023, one \$500 minimum scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the senior awards ceremony, per the HCHS schedule, and the check will be awarded to the recipient at that time. Please see the Eligibility Guidelines for applicant requirements.

Eligibility Guidelines:

1. Applicant must eligible for graduation in 2023 from Holmes County High School.

Applicant must have attended Holmes County High School for their "entire" senior year.
 Applicant must have a minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 based upon a 4.0 grading system. A copy of transcripts for the past four (4) years is required.
 Applicants will be required to sign in to Google when uploading files using this form, so a Google account is required.

4. Submit at least one (1) and not more than two (2) academic letters of recommendation from authorities at your school such as teachers, principal, or guidance counselor. The authorities should be able to reference applicant's writing skills. Applicants will be required to sign in to Google when uploading files using this form, so a Google account is required.
5. Submit at least one (1) and not more than two (2) letters of recommendation from

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individuals, other than family members, who have known you for at least two (2) years. Applicants will be required to sign in to Google when uploading files using this form, so a Google account is required.

6. Submit a photo of yourself to be potentially be used for a press release if you are named the winner. A professional head shot or applicant's senior photo would be appropriate.

7. Applicant must write and provide an essay in your own words answering the following: "How will reaching your educational goals ultimately allow you to contribute back to your community?" *The essay should be 750 words or less, written or typed.

8. Completed applications with all requirements must be submitted no later than **11:59 pm on Friday, April 28, 2023**.

Additional Information:

*No applicant will be excluded from participation or be denied the benefits of this scholarship on the basis of race, color, age, religion, national origin, sex or disability. *Recipient must meet all eligibility requirements.

*A scholarship award committee will be comprised of both members of the Bonifay Woman's Club and the HCHS Class of 1994. In addition to the eligibility requirements listed previously, the committee will also consider financial need of the applicant as part of the selection criteria. All decisions by the scholarship award committee will be final.

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The name and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form. Only the email you enter is part of your response.

* Required

Email *

Your email

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

In preparing your online application, please read the instructions above carefully. Make sure you provide all parts requested, as omissions can result in disqualification. All required parts are listed below and should be used as a "checklist" to make sure your application is complete. Your application should include:

□ **Application Form.** All requested information must be completed on this online application.

 $\hfill\square$ **Essay.** Complete an essay in 750 words or less on the topic outlined in this application. There is a spot on

this online application form to include your essay. It is recommended that the applicant write the essay in a

document, proofread the document, and then copy and paste the text from the document into this form.

□ FILE UPLOAD (PDF or Image): High School Transcripts. The past four (4) years, including grade point

average (GPA).

□ **FILE UPLOAD (PDF or Image): Academic Recommendations.** At least one (1) and not more than two (2).

□ **FILE UPLOAD (PDF or Image): Individual Recommendations.** At least one (1) and not more than two (2)

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be appropriate.

Make sure your application is submitted via this online form by the deadline of **11:59 pm on Friday, April 28, 2023**. Late entries will not be considered. Thank you for your interest.

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Name *

First and last name

Your answer

Mailing address *

Your answer

City, State & Zip * Your answer Phone number * Your answer Email * Your answer

Birth date * MM DD YYYY / /

Parent (s) or Guardian (s) Name *

Your answer

Parent (s) or Guardian (s) Phone number *

Your answer

Name of college of choice * Your answer	
Have you applied for admission? * Yes No 	
If yes, have you been accepted? * Yes No Have not yet applied for admission 	
Desired major or field of study * Your answer	

If applicable, please list all approved scholarships, financial aid, and grants, * including work study for the coming academic year, along with amount awarded. If none, write N/A.

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Your answer

Financial Need Consideration: Describe any circumstances you feel we should consider related to financial need. If none, write N/A.

Your answer

Education: In chronological order, list all high schools and colleges attended, including location and dates attended.

Your answer

Work Experience: In chronological order, list any current and previous employers, * including type of work and dates of employment. If none, write N/A.

Your answer

Academic/School Activities and Awards: List the academic-related activities and * your specific involvement that you have participated in during the past (5) years.

Your answer

Community Activities: List the community activities and your specific involvement that you have participated in during the past (5) years.

Your answer

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Career and/or Vocational Objectives: Please briefly describe your career and/or * vocational objective. Explain why are you interested in this career, and state what you consider to be the necessary qualifications and credentials needed.

Your answer

Essay

Within the space provided below, please complete an essay in 750 words or less on the following topic:

"How will reaching your educational goals ultimately allow you to contribute back to your community?"

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I certify the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Please * type your full name here as a signature, and then include today's date. (For example: "John D. Smith, 04/28/2023")

Your answer

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