

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Principal and Senior Class Counselors, Athens Bible School, Athens City Schools, all Limestone County Schools, Lindsay Lane Christian Academy

FROM: The Foundation - Limestone County

SUBJECT: Scholarship Availability

Please inform your graduating seniors that a scholarship is available through the “**Betty Christopher Memorial Scholarship**” Fund. Betty Christopher was dedicated to community service. She served on numerous boards and every task assigned to her was completed with excellence. The Foundation of Limestone County is honored to be able to offer one scholarship for a student from Athens City Limestone County who has documented 100 hours of service to others throughout their high school career. Qualified students must have at least a 2.5 GPA. They must be pursuing an academic career or certification. Students will be required to write a short essay, 4-5 paragraphs on why commitment to a task is important and how they would use the funds to help with their studies after high school graduation.

Volunteer hours may be from the following:

Clubs

Church

Community volunteer events

Private or public charities

School Events

The application submission date is no later than **March 31** of each year. The Scholarship Committee will meet and select the recipient. That recipient will be announced on Senior Awards Day.

The scholarship guidelines, basic information forms, and a guidelines checklist are attached:

**NOTE:** ALL applications for this scholarship must be mailed to or dropped off at the address below:

The Foundation of Limestone County  
Attention: Betty Christopher Scholarship  
419 S. Marion St.  
Athens, Alabama 35611

If you have any questions contact Kaye Young McFarlen, at 256-233-2323.

Thank you!

The Scholarship Committee of The Foundation of Limestone County

## **Checklist for the Betty Christopher Memorial Scholarship applicants:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Application must be received by March 31 of the applicant's graduation year.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The application includes requests for three signatures. All three must be signed for the application to be complete.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ School counselor
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ A parent or guardian
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Student signature
3. Your application needs to have these things when you submit it:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ The application sheet with completed signatures.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ A copy of the transcript must be included and verified by the School Counselor.
  - c. A 4-5 paragraph essay written by you. It should include:
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ TOPIC COVERED: Why Commitment to a task is important and how you would use the funds to help with your studies after graduation.
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Describe contributions you have made to your school and community.
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Please attach a copy of your community service hours to this paper.

**Without all the information listed above your application will not be complete and will not be taken into consideration.**

## **Application for the Betty Christopher Memorial Scholarship**

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You may type your response to the questions and attach it to this page. Please limit your responses to one page which must be spaced at 1.5 lines and not more than double-spaced.

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree or Certification desired:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular activities (athletics, band, clubs, etc.):**

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**Leadership roles:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Service Awards/Honors:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Academic Awards/Honors:)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Class Ranking:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT/SAT Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

**Reference 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Information:**

**Total Household Income** (based on the head of household's most recently filed income tax form)

**\$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names and relationships of all members of the household (include if other household members are currently attending college/university)**

1. Students will be required to write a short essay, 4-5 paragraphs, on why commitment to a task is important and how they would use the funds to help with their studies after high school graduation.
2. Describe the contributions you have made to your school and community. Please attach a copy of your community service hours to this paper.

*You may type your response to the questions on page two (2) and attach it to this page. However, responses are limited to one (1) page and must be spaced at no less than 1.5 lines and no more than double-spaced. Make sure that your essay is on the topics listed above.*

*I realize my student is applying for this scholarship and agree to their releasing pertinent information to the selection committee in agreement to it's being held in confidence. I agree with their name being used by The Foundation of Limestone County in the promotion of the scholarship.*

**Parent/legal guardian signature:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature:**

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_