

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: The Foundation of Limestone County

SUBJECT: Scholarship Availability

Please make your seniors aware of the "Martha Jo Leonard Memorial Scholarship" through The Foundation of Limestone County. Mrs. Leonard was dedicated to community service. She served with excellence on numerous projects and was a member of various boards. Anyone working with her had confidence she would excellently complete any task. The Foundation of Limestone County is honored to offer this scholarship in her memory.

This scholarship is open to ***every high school*** within Limestone County. To apply, students need to have **100 hours of service** to others documented 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: Martha Jo Leonard 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 Martha Jo Leonard Memorial Scholarship applicants:

Please make sure that your application includes all the following.

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 Martha Jo Leonard Memorial Scholarship

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.): _____

Leadership roles: _____

Service Awards/Honors: _____

GPA: _____ **Class Ranking:** _____ **ACT/SAT Score:** _____

Academic Awards/Honors:) _____

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 any household members are currently in college/university):

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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. Please ensure your essay is on the topic 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:

Date: _____

Student signature:

Date: _____