

MEMORANDUM

TO: Principal and Senior Class Counselors of Athens High School

FROM: The Foundation of Limestone County

SUBJECT: Scholarship Availability

Please inform your graduating seniors that a scholarship is available to Athens High School graduating seniors only. Jessica Elkins was a freshman and a cheerleader at Athens High School. Just 15 years old, she passed away from bacterial meningitis. Her loved ones honor her legacy through meningitis education and the **Jessica Elkins “Love, Live and Laugh” Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship is established to encourage, assist, and promote deserving students to pursue and excel in his/her field and to enhance the educational opportunities in Athens, Alabama.

This scholarship is available for an AHS senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and who need financial assistance. Scholarship selection will be made based on merit, character, church and community involvement, leadership qualities, and potential for future growth. Attention will be given to students who may not otherwise receive a scholarship.

The application submission date is March 31, 2024.

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: Jessica Elkins 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 Jessica Elkins “Love, Live, Laugh” Memorial Scholarship applicants to use before returning scholarship paperwork

1. _____ Application must be received by **March 31, 2024.**
2. _____ The application includes requests for three signatures.
All three signatures must be signed for the application to be considered complete.
 - a. School counselor
 - b. A parent or guardian
 - c. Student signature
3. Your application needs to have these when you submit it:
 - a. _____ The application sheet with completed signatures.
 - b. _____ A copy of the certificated transcript must be included and verified by the School Counselor.
 - c. _____ 3 letters of reference
 - d. _____ A short narrative/essay written by you. It should answer the following questions:
 - i. _____ what contributions you have made to your school, church, and/or community.
 - ii. _____ How will you use this scholarship award to prepare yourself for serving your church and or your community?
 - iii. _____ Any other information you feel should be considered.
 - iv. _____ Narrative/essay is on the topic required

This scholarship is distributed directly to the institution the student will be attending.

Application for The Jessica Michelle Elkins Love, Live, and Laugh 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: _____

Household Information:

Total Household income: _____

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

Academic Statement:

ACT Score: _____ **GPA:** _____ **Class Standing:** _____

Counselor's signature for verification of transcript:

***Please remember to attach a certified transcript! ***

Academic Plans:

Have you made an application to college and been accepted? _____

If so, where do you plan to attend? _____

What is your chosen field of study? _____

You may type your response to the questions 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 make sure your essay is on the topics listed below.

Questions:

- 1. Describe contributions you have made to your school, church, and/or community.**
- 2. Describe how you will use this scholarship award to prepare yourself for serving your church and or your community.**
- 3. Include any information about yourself that would assist the scholarship committee.**

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: _____