



2016 Acworth Business Association Scholarship Program

The Acworth Business Association has six scholarships available to high school students who fit the eligibility criteria. This document contains information about all of the scholarships, as well as the forms necessary to apply for each scholarship.

About Acworth Business Association

The Acworth Business Association is dedicated to supporting and assisting local business owners, educators, leaders, churches and organizations in Acworth, GA and the surrounding communities. ABA strives to create opportunities and provide resources that promote improvement and development of the businesses, churches, cities, and schools within our community. The Acworth Business Association seeks to leverage strategic partnerships, facilitate better business practices, and enhance the value of the goods and services of the businesses within the community that enrich the quality of life of our residents and community.

Recipient's Obligation

Acceptance of the award constitutes permission for Acworth Business Association to use the recipient's name in recognition as a recipient of the scholarship in the organization's publications and announcements. Furthermore, recipient agrees to provide official documentation indicating full-time enrollment at the college or university of her choice before payment will be made. Failure to supply documentation as a registered, degree seeking student will result in revocation of the full amount of the award.

Award Notification and Payment

The winning scholarship recipient will be notified in writing no later than the week of April 20th, 2016. Scholarship payment will be made in one installment in August 2016 upon receipt of official notification of enrollment/registration for classes. Payment will be made directly to the college or university on behalf of the recipient.

Submitting an Application

Applications are available for download at the Acworth Business Association website at www.acworthbusiness.org or from school guidance office. Qualified individuals wishing to be considered for the Acworth Business Association 2016 Scholarship Program must submit an application meeting all previous outlined requirements to the Acworth Business Association by:

Email: Scholarships@acworthbusiness.org

US Mail: Acworth Business Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
PO Box 448
Acworth, GA 30101

Drop off: High School Counseling Office (Final Pickup April 1, 2016 @ 12pm EST)

Please Note: Application materials must be received Friday, April 1, 2016 . Any applications not meeting each of the outlined criteria or received after Friday, April 1, 2016 will not be considered.



Scholarship Instructions & Guidelines

The Acworth Business Association annually awards Scholarships to (6) graduating high school seniors whom have demonstrated academic excellence, outstanding leadership, service within their community, entrepreneurial spirit, and extra-curricular success within athletics or fine arts while participating in their schools. Scholarship honoree will receive a \$750 scholarship to offset the cost of educational expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, room & board, or books.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration by the Acworth Business Association Scholarship Selection Committee:

1. Graduating senior from the following member high school(s): Allatoona, Harrison, Kennesaw Mountain, North Cobb, North Paulding or Private - Brookwood Christian, Cornerstone, North Cobb Christian.
2. Minimum 2.5 GPA.
3. Demonstrate active participation in extracurricular activities.
4. Demonstrate active involvement within their community through community service.
5. Leadership, Employment, Awards & Recognition while not required are highly valued

Application Criteria

Applicant complete, include, and submit all of the following for consideration by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Any incomplete applications will not receive consideration:

1. List of all school, community, and/or extracurricular activities, including leadership positions
2. A copy of high school transcript.
3. Provide proof of intent to enroll full-time in a fully accredited technical college, trade school or two/four-year college/university undergraduate program beginning no later than Fall 2016 by submitting one of the following:
 - A copy of an acceptance letter for chosen college/university if available prior to application deadline
 - A copy of submitted application for chosen college/university and status if available should no acceptance letter be available prior to application deadline
4. Applicant must submit one (1) letter of support/ recommendation from an individual, such as a teacher, coach, principal, employer, or pastor, who are qualified to address the candidate's qualities, community impact and suitability for this award.
5. Submit a personally written essay (300 words or less) outlining the applicant's future goals, aspirations, and what it means to "Create your own success."

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2016 Acworth Business Association Scholarship Application

Complete the following information and sign the application as requested. Submit completed application, essay and supporting documents for consideration to your school counseling office by Friday, April 1st @ 12pm EST, by to email to Scholarships@AcworthBusiness.org , or send by US mail to address on page 1.

Please Note: Applications received after Friday, April 1, 2016 will not be considered.

Please check the box next to the scholarship for which you are applying.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Allatoona High School | <input type="checkbox"/> North Cobb High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harrison High School | <input type="checkbox"/> North Paulding High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kennesaw Mountain High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Private - Brookwood Christian,
Cornerstone, North Cobb Christian |

Personal Information

Applicant's Name _____
 Name of Applicant's Parents/Guardians _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Email Address _____
 Home Telephone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Academic Information

Applicant's High School _____
 College/University you plan to enroll in Fall 2016 _____
 Intended major/program of study _____

Letter of Support

Please list the name and contact information for the individual who has provided a letter of support. The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to contact these individuals directly. Attach after your Student Resume in a sealed and signed envelope, as directed on the instructions.

Name _____ Title _____ Phone (____) _____

Student Resume

Please list in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent year, any extracurricular activities including fine arts and athletics, leadership roles, community service, significant accomplishments, awards, and honors received during your high school career.

Agreement

By signing below, I certify that the information on this application and all attachments are true and correct.

- I understand the Acworth Business Association Scholarship Selection Committee may conduct investigations related to the information provided herein and agree to hold the Committee harmless of any claims of liability resulting from these investigations.
- I understand that any false or misleading information may disqualify me from consideration for the Acworth Business Association Scholarship.
- I understand that, if awarded a scholarship, I will be required to submit proof of registration as a full-time degree seeking student at a two- or four-year college or university in the United States for the Fall 2016 semester before any award payment will be made. Furthermore, I understand and accept that failure to be properly registered can lead to revocation of the full amount of the award.
- If awarded a scholarship, and if mutually concurred, I agree to allow Acworth Business Association to use my name and picture in any newsletter, website, press release, or other lawful media in recognition as a recipient of the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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2016 Acworth Business Association Scholarship Program Letter of Support Instructions

To the Applicant: Please write your name in the space below, provide a copy of these instructions to the individual writing a letter of support, and check the box next to the scholarship for which you are applying. Letter of support should be included with your application. All applications must be complete and must be received no later than March 30, 2016.

You are being asked to submit a letter of recommendation for _____ in support of his/her application for an Acworth Business Association Scholarship.

The Acworth Business Association Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has demonstrated success in the classroom, evidence of extracurricular activities, shown leadership qualities, and given back to their community. Awards are made to graduating high school seniors who attend one of the following high schools: Allatoona, Kennesaw Mountain, North Cobb, North Cobb Christian, or North Paulding. The individual must plan to attend a fully accredited two- or four-year college/university in the United States, starting no later than Fall 2016.

The Acworth Business Association Scholarship honorees receive a \$500 scholarship award to help offset the cost of educational expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, housing, board, or books. Scholarships will be awarded on May 7, 2016 at the ABA Luncheon.

The Acworth Business Association Scholarship Selection Committee values your observations, feedback, and evaluation of the applicant’s suitability for this award. Thank you for addressing the following in your letter of support:

- How long and under what circumstances have you come to know the applicant?
- Describe the applicant’s strengths and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the applicant’s academic and athletic success, extracurricular activities, leadership, and community service.
- Discuss the applicant’s potential for future success.
- Please provide any additional comments or insights relating to the applicant; such as motivation, initiative in pursuing goals, work responsibilities, community service, etc.; that you feel would be helpful for the committee to know.

Your letter of support should be placed in a sealed and signed envelope. The letter should then be returned to the applicant for inclusion in the scholarship application.

The Scholarship Selection Committee would like to thank you for supporting the applicant, as a trusted friend and ally, in this scholarship selection and award process. The information you provide will remain completely confidential and will only be used for consideration by the Acworth Business Association Scholarship Selection Committee for the sole purpose of selection and award process. The Committee may contact you if needed.

<input type="checkbox"/> Allatoona High School	<input type="checkbox"/> North Cobb High School
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<input type="checkbox"/> Kennesaw Mountain High School	<input type="checkbox"/> Private -Brookwood Christian, Cornerstone, North Cobb Christian

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Application Materials Check-List

An application will be considered valid and complete only when all of the following materials are included and received on or before Friday April 1, 2016:

- Completed and signed application form
- Copy of high school transcripts
- Copy of college/university acceptance letter, if available
- Letter of support from _____
- Student resume
- Personal essay
- Signed agreement



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