



ASBA Educational Foundation J.K. Williams Memorial Scholarship Award Program

The Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA) Educational Foundation established the J.K. Williams Memorial Scholarship in honor of former Executive Director J.K. Williams. Mr. Williams led ASBA from 1978 until his retirement in 1992 after completing 42 years in education. During his career, Mr. Williams served as teacher, coach, central office administrator and superintendent. Upon his death in 2012, it was decided to honor his memory and rename the at-large scholarship previously awarded to an incoming freshman.

The scholarship is designed to benefit the sons/daughters of ASBA-affiliated Arkansas school board members who are pursuing an advanced degree in the field of education at an Arkansas institution of higher education.

One scholarship will be awarded annually. A committee appointed by the ASBA board of directors will review scholarship applications and determine the recipient. The award will be made before the fall school term.

Criteria for Consideration

- The recipient must be the son/daughter of a publicly elected Arkansas school board member. School board member-parent must be serving on his/her local board on September 1 of the school year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Grants will be one-time scholarships to a student pursuing an advanced degree in the field of education at an Arkansas institution of higher education.
- Scholarship amount will be at least \$600 each.
- Scholarships will be awarded based upon academic performance, demonstrated leadership, and community service engagement. Financial need may be a consideration.

Application Submission

Application for the scholarship award will consist of:

- Completed ASBA Educational Foundation J.K. Williams Scholarship Application Form
- Three letters of recommendation: (1) from a teacher; (2) from a college advisor, and (3) from a member of the community.
- Student's official transcript
- An essay of no more than 500 words written by the student applicant expressing goals, future plans, past activities, life/educational influences and a statement about how the scholarship would help the student to achieve his/her education and goals
- Resumé prepared by student

All application materials, compiled into a single submission, must be received in the ASBA office by April 1 of the scholarship award year.



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J.K. Williams Memorial Scholarship Application Form

This form must be completed by the applicant, signed by the board member parent and submitted with the other materials outlined in the scholarship criteria. This form by itself is NOT a complete application.

Student Applicant

Board Member Parent

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

College/university to attend _____

Telephone _____

Degree being pursued _____

School Board _____

Cumulative GPA _____

Current occupation _____

List extracurricular activities/organizations _____

(or include in attached resumé) _____

List leadership positions/activities _____

(or include in attached resumé) _____

Statement of financial need _____

I certify by my signature below that the statements made by me and contained within these materials are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and are made in good faith.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Board Member Parent Signature _____ Date _____

**Attach this completed application form with other data specified in the criteria and submit by April 1 to:
ASBA Scholarship Program • P. O. Box 165460 • Little Rock, AR 72216-5460**