



ASBA Educational Foundation Freshman Scholarship Award Program

The Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA) Educational Foundation Freshman Scholarship Program is designed to benefit the sons/daughters of ASBA-affiliated Arkansas school board members who will be entering two-year or four-year Arkansas institutions of higher education. The scholarship program was established through the ASBA Educational Foundation in September 1992. The first scholarships were awarded in 1994.

Four scholarships are awarded annually – one from each of the state's four congressional districts. A committee assigned by the ASBA board of directors will review scholarship applications and determine awardees. Awards will be made before the fall school term.

Criteria for Consideration

- Recipients must be the sons/daughters of publicly elected Arkansas school board members. School board member-parent must be serving on his/her local board on Sept. 1 of the school year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Grants will be one-time scholarships to entering freshmen at Arkansas two-year or four-year institutions of higher education.
- Scholarship amounts will be at least \$600 each.
- Scholarships will be awarded based upon academic performance, demonstrated leadership, community involvement, extracurricular activities, special talents or unique endeavors and future educational and career plans. Financial need may be a consideration.

Application Submission

Application for the scholarship award will consist of:

- Completed ASBA Educational Foundation Freshman Scholarship Application Form
- Three letters of recommendation: (1) from a teacher; (2) from a principal or assistant principal, and (3) from a member of the community
- A counselor-completed form and statement to include student's: (1) seven-semester grade point average; (2) class standing as of beginning of second semester senior year (rank and size of class); (3) PACT/PSAT/ACT/SAT score(s), including state percentile ranking, (4) end-of-course exam scores, and (5) other pertinent information that demonstrates the student's leadership ability and academic potential
- Student's official transcript (seven semesters)
- 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. Recipients and their parents will be recognized at the annual ASBA Conference in December. The scholarship recipients' parents will receive a plaque.



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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 _____

County/Congressional District _____

Telephone _____

High School _____

School Board _____

College to attend _____

Major _____

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**

