



Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

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The Society's scholarship program has the two-fold purpose of rewarding students who have been involved with local history and are going on to further their educations and to recognize leaders and long-time members of the historical society who have had an affiliation or connection to a particular school and/or community. To date, six such scholarships have been established.

2023 GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

1. Students must be seniors at one of the six area public high schools: Coahulla Creek High School, Dalton High School, Murray County High School, North Murray High School, Northwest Whitfield High School, and Southeast Whitfield High School. They must hold good academic records and plan to continue their studies beyond the high school level.
2. Applications and guidelines will be provided to the six high schools no later than January. Information will also be available on Facebook and at www.whitfield-murrayhistoricalsociety.org
3. Completed applications and any supporting documents or photographs are due no later than Monday, April 3, 2023 to the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society electronically, via mail, or delivered in person.
4. The Scholarship Committee of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society will meet by mid-April to consider applicants and select recipients. More than one award may be given at each school. Selection will be made early enough so that awards may be presented at each high school's awards ceremonies.
5. Scholarships will be awarded to each recipient although amounts can vary due to the nature of the work done in local history and the availability of funds. Each recipient will also be given a year's free membership in the Society.
6. The awards at each of the six public high schools are named in honor or in memory of educators, community leaders, and Historical Society leaders as follows:

- **Coahulla Creek High School** - In honor of Dr. Don Thomas & Mrs. Judy Alderman. Dr. Don operated a successful medical practice in Dalton for over 50 years. He served 14 years in the state Senate and 12 years on the Whitfield County Board of Education, 10 years as chairman. Mrs. Alderman established the Prater's Mill Foundation & the Prater's Mill Country Fair that have preserved the historic 1855 Prater's Mill. Both Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Alderman served trustees of the historical society for many years.
- **Dalton High School** – In memory of Marion (Pete) Sims & Mary Gene Sims Dykes. Mr. Sims was one of the organizers of the reactivated Historical Society in 1976 and aided in obtaining the old Crown Cotton Mill office building as headquarters for the Society and starting the archives. Mrs. Dykes was a past president of WMHS as well as a years-long volunteer for all things historic in the area.
- **Murray County High School** – In memory of James and Nell Ruth Loughridge. Both were members of the Historical Society and graduates of Murray High--where Mrs. Loughridge was also a long-time faculty member. She was an early president of the Historical Society, assisted with compiling the Murray County history, helped organize the Friends of the Vann House, and served as a trustee. James was also actively involved in the Murray County Schools, serving as chairman of the Board of Education.
- **North Murray High School** – In memory of Paul Ross. Mr. Ross was a vital part of the WMHS for over three decades and a vital part of the Murray County business community for even longer. As longtime chairman of the Wright Hotel Committee and the Society's Board of Trustees, Paul promoted historic preservation both personally and professionally.
- **Northwest Whitfield High School** – In memory of Dorothy Sapp Seaton. Mrs. Seaton was a former educator in the Whitfield County Schools and a long-time supporter of the schools. From 1976-78, she served as the first president of the reactivated Historical Society. She also headed the committee that wrote *History of Whitfield County* in 1999.
- **Southeast Whitfield High School** – In memory of I. V. Chandler and in honor of Mr. Marvin Sowder. Mr. Chandler was a former principal of Valley Point High School who became a pioneer in the textile industry. Mr. Sowder is the point-person for Civil War sites and information in the northwest Georgia area. He serves as a trustee of the Historical Society.

2023 APPLICATION FOR AWARD SCHOLARSHIP IN LOCAL HISTORY

(Please type or print in black ink. Use additional pages if needed.)

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Mailing Address _____

Names of parents/guardians _____

Home phone number _____ Cell phone number _____

Email address _____

Overall GPA _____ History GPA _____

High School _____

Counselor _____

You must include the following items with this application:

- At least one letter of recommendation from person/s familiar with your achievements and/or aspirations in local history.
- A recent photograph (for publicity purposes).

Applications without these items will not be considered.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Date Due: April 3, 2023

Email, mail, or deliver to:

The Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00-4:00

RECORD OF HISTORICAL WORK

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED

Describe local historical projects in which you have participated. These may be personal, school-related, volunteer, or involvement with a historical group.

List any special activities in local history (research, classes, trips, and related items):

Honors/Awards received related to history or social studies:

Tell us how/when/why the first members of your family came to our area and what did they do:

Attach any additional information—such as copies of any research you have done, photographs of projects or volunteer work, etc that relate to this application.
