



Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

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2021 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, & Southeast Whitfield High School. They must hold good academic records & plan to continue their studies beyond the high school level.
2. Applications & guidelines will be provided to the six high schools no later than January. Information will be available from the guidance offices & the social studies teachers.
3. Completed applications, photos, & copies of original research are due no later than Thursday, April 1, 2021 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 & 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 spring awards ceremonies.
5. Scholarships will be awarded to each recipient. 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, & 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 for over 50 years. He served 14 years in the state Senate; he served 12 years on the Whitfield Co. 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 & Mrs. Alderman are trustees of the historical society.

- **Dalton High School** – In memory of Marion (Pete) Sims & in honor of Mary Gene Sims Dykes. Mr. Sims was one of the organizers of the reactivated Historical Society in 1976 & aided in obtaining the use of the old Crown Cotton Mill office building as headquarters for the Society & starting the archives. Mrs. Dykes is a past president of WMHS & 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 Nell Ruth was also a long-time faculty member. Nell Ruth 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 actively also involved in the Murray County Schools, serving as chairman of the Board of Education.
- **North Murray High School** – In memory of Paul Ross. Paul was a vital part of the WMHS for over three decades & a vital part of the Murray County business community for even longer. As past chairman of the Wright Hotel Committee & the Society's Board of Trustees, Paul promoted historic preservation both personally & professionally.
- **Northwest Whitfield High School** – In memory of Dorothy Sapp Seaton. Mrs. Seaton was a former educator in the Whitfield County Schools & a long-time supporter of the schools. From 1976-78, she served as the first president of the reactivated Historical Society. She headed the committee that wrote *History of Whitfield County*.
- **Southeast Whitfield High School** – In memory of I. V. Chandler & 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 & information in the northwest Georgia area. He is also a trustee of the Historical Society.

2021 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) either in jpeg format if emailed or on photo quality paper if mailed or hand-delivered.

Applications without these items will not be considered.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Date Due: April 1, 2021

Email, mail, or deliver to:

The Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

715 Chattanooga Avenue P. O. Box 6180 Dalton, GA 30722-6180

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

RECORD OF HISTORICAL WORK

Detail local and/or state-related historical projects in which you have participated. These may be personal, school-related, volunteer, or with a local historical group.

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NEEDED.

Describe any involvement with a historical group, including volunteer work, membership, and any offices held.

Special activities in local history (research, classes, trips, and related items):

Honors/Activities /Awards received/Offices held in high school:

Community Activities:

Additional related information—such as copies of any research you have done &/or history papers you have written--may be attached.
