Alabama Community Education Association (ACEA, Inc.)

Out-of-School Service Scholarship
2019 Scholarship Information

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION
An Out-of-School program is an extension of the regular school day designed to offer enrichment programs for students and to meet the Afterschool needs of working parents. Major benefits of an Afterschool Program are a positive, supportive environment for Afterschool enrichment activities that support and enhance a student’s learning.

Eleven scholarships will be awarded for 2019 for Fall courses. Nine $1,000 scholarships and two Honorarium Scholarship winners for $1,500 each. Equity amongst the three regions will be sought. However, excellence of applicants will take priority over regional location.

The award(s) will be given based on availability of funds. Funds will be dispersed through checks written to the college or university where the recipient receiving the scholarship is confirmed as enrolled for Fall 2019 semester. Dispensation of the allocation is not predetermined. However, the scholarship committee recommends the scholarship be used for tuition, books, room and board, etc.

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must be a graduating senior in high school or a college aged student who will be preparing for a career in education at an academic institution of higher learning in the state of Alabama.

The scholarships will be awarded to individuals who have volunteered or been employed through the Afterschool/Summer school Programs in the state of Alabama and plan to make a difference in the future of Alabama education.

SELECTION CRITERIA
Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee appointed by the Alabama Community Education Association (ACEA, Inc.). The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of need, academic achievement, aptitude, contribution and service to an Afterschool/Summer school Program, and the student’s personal and professional goals.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
Please send the following information in one concise email (NOT multiple emails, please) to:

Sallie Chastain, ACEA Treasurer, at schastain@tcboe.org

All application material must be received by May 18, 2019

1. A completed application form
2. Three letters of recommendation:
   • One letter from a teacher or administrator at the applicant’s High School or College Professor, if the Applicant is already attending a college or university
   • One letter from a supervisor of the Out-of-School program related to the student’s work or volunteer experience in the program
   • One letter from a personal acquaintance
HELPFUL HINTS FOR APPLICANTS

- Submit your application packet early to allow Alabama Community Education Directors time to notify you of any missing items. This will give you an opportunity to correct omissions prior to the announced deadline.
- Letters of recommendation are often late. To avoid this, make your request as soon as possible.
- Only the requested information will be considered. Additional letters or resumes will not be sent to the selection committee.
- For more information or questions, you may contact ACEA Treasurer, Sallie Chastain at schastain@tcboe.org - 256.315.5154 – OR – ACEA Past President, Monica Jeffreys at mjeffreys@mcs.k12.al.us - 256.389.2639.

A photo of scholarship winners may be requested at a later date for publicity purposes.