

Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga Scholarships by Minimum GPA Requirement

Minimum 2.5 and 2.6 GPA Scholarship Opportunities

Sgt. Tim Chapin Memorial Scholarship

Purpose and History: Members of the Fraternal Order of Police, Rock City Lodge #22 established this scholarship in remembrance and honor of their friend and fellow Lodge member Sgt. Tim Chapin. Sgt. Chapin embodied bravery, integrity, and honesty; qualities found in all good police officers. He lived to serve his community and died in the course of that service. Members of Lodge #22 could not think of a better way to honor him than to offer a scholarship in his name to a deserving child of a Chattanooga Police Officer and member of this Lodge.

Residency Requirement: Hamilton County, TN

School requirement: Any Hamilton County, TN school (Public, Private, Charter or Home-school) or any accredited community college or college/university

Education requirement: Graduating high school senior, college student (freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior)

Scholarship Amount: One-year scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 at a four-year school or a two-year community/technical college

College Applicant: 23 years old or younger at time of application

Cumulative GPA minimum: 2.5

College/ Enrollment Requirement for college applicants: any regionally accredited, non-proprietary, technical, community or four-year college or university/Full-time enrollment

Must have demonstrated financial need

Additional Requirements:

Parent/Guardian must be an active Chattanooga Police Officer in good standing **and** an active member of the Rock City FOP Lodge #22

Please Note: If the applicant is eligible to apply for both the Julie Jacks Memorial Scholarship and the Sgt. Tim Chapin Memorial Scholarship, please understand, if selected, you may only receive one, not both scholarships.

Julie Jacks Memorial Scholarship

Purpose and History: The Julie Jacks Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to memorialize a courageous Chattanooga Police Officer. Julie tragically lost her life in the line of duty on May 6, 2002, while valiantly serving and protecting the citizens of Chattanooga. This scholarship is awarded annually to a qualifying student whose parent or guardian is in good standing as a police officer with the Chattanooga Police Department.

Residency Requirement: Hamilton County, TN

School requirement: Any Hamilton County, TN school (Public, Private, Charter or Home-school) or any accredited college or university

Education requirement: Graduating high school senior, college student (current freshmen, sophomore, junior or senior)

Scholarship Amount: One-year scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 for the academic year

College Applicant: 23 years old or younger at time of application

Cumulative GPA minimum: 2.5

College/ Enrollment Requirement: any regionally accredited, non-proprietary, technical, community or four-year college or university/Full-time enrollment

Must have demonstrated financial need

Additional Requirements:

Parent/Guardian must be an active Chattanooga Police Officer in good standing

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Consuelo “Connie” Bray O’Neal Memorial Scholarship

Purpose and History: The Chattanooga Housing Authority (CHA) established a scholarship in loving memory of Consuelo “Connie” Bray O’Neal, a beloved member of the CHA Board of Commissioners for eight years.

Connie was a graduate of Howard High School and Memphis State University (currently the University of Memphis), where she also earned her M.S. Degree in Education. She began her career at Shelby State University in Memphis, and then returned home to work at Chattanooga State Community College for 31 years. After retiring from Chattanooga State, she became the Family Services Director for Habitat for Humanity of Chattanooga. Before her illness, Connie held leadership positions on various community Boards such as the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga, Chattanooga CARES and the Westside Community Development Corporation. She also volunteered countless hours with her church, New City Fellowship, and was an active member of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Sorority.

Residency Requirement: Hamilton County, TN

High School specific: Any Hamilton County School (Public, Private or Charter)

Education requirement: Graduating high school senior

Scholarship Amount: One-time scholarship in the amount of \$500 for the academic year

Cumulative GPA minimum: 2.5

College/ Enrollment Requirement after HS graduation: any regionally accredited, non-proprietary, technical, community or four-year college or university/Full-time enrollment

Must have demonstrated financial need

Additional Requirements:

Must live in one of the Chattanooga Housing Authority sites or on the lease of a participant of the Section 8 Program

Together We Can Scholarship

Purpose and History: The Together We Can (TWC) Scholarship Fund was created in 1992 in partnership with the City of Chattanooga. Together We Can is a need-based, renewable college scholarship that targets eligible HCDE public high school senior. TWC prioritizes students who are first-generation, college-bound students and/or considered low-income as measured by their eligibility on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The Together We Can Scholarship is unique because it is about supporting students holistically. It is amazing to get scholarships for college, but it is life-changing when you have an organization providing additional resources and support to students beyond financial assistance to help them transition into, retain and graduate college.

Residency Requirement: Hamilton County, TN

School Requirement: Any Hamilton County Public School

Education requirement: Graduating high school senior

Scholarship Amount: Award ranges from \$1,000-\$3,000 per academic year; Renewable scholarship for up to eight semesters/4 years.

Cumulative GPA minimum: 2.5

College/ Enrollment Requirement after HS graduation: any regionally accredited, non-proprietary, technical, community or four-year college or university/Full-time enrollment

Must have demonstrated financial need

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Ed Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Purpose and History:

The story of Ed Johnson and his attorneys forever changed the course of justice in America with a series of historic precedents and legal firsts. Ed Johnson was the first African American awarded a stay of execution by the US Supreme Court. Noah Parden, a local African American attorney appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court. For the first time, the U.S. Supreme Court got involved in a state criminal case and halted an execution. After local Chattanooga residents ignored the stay of execution and lynched Ed Johnson, the Supreme Court, the country and President Teddy Roosevelt reacted swiftly and with outrage. They investigated the lynching, and the High Court held their one and only criminal trial to find a handful of the perpetrators guilty.

On March 19, 1906, Ed Johnson, was mob-lynched from the second span of the Walnut Street Bridge in Chattanooga. After a trial devoid of incriminating facts and with a clearly biased jury, Johnson was sentenced to death for the rape of a white woman. Johnson's last words, spoken from the bridge before he was killed, were, "God bless you all, I am a innocent man."

Nearly 100 years after his murder, Johnson was formally cleared of his crime. In May 2016, the state Legislature-led by Rep. JoAnne Favors-passed a resolution on the memory of Johnson and the events surrounding this tragic, but heroic Chattanooga story.

Residency Requirement: Hamilton County

Education requirement: college sophomore, junior or senior

Required Field of Study: Criminal Justice or Criminal Justice related field

Scholarship Amount: One-year scholarship in the amount of \$1,000

Cumulative college GPA minimum: 2.5

College/ Enrollment Requirement: any regionally accredited, non-proprietary, technical, community or four-year college or university/Full-time enrollment

Must have demonstrated financial need

Edgar M. Jolley Scholarship

Purpose and History: The Edgar M. Jolley (EMJ) Memorial Scholarship was established in 2007 to provide assistance for children of employees of our Family of Companies to help with completing an undergraduate degree, in any discipline area. The goal of the EMJ Memorial Scholarship Fund is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for these students with academic ability, community involvement and financial need to reach their fullest potential.

Residency Requirement: varying cities depending on the location of EMJ and its family of companies

School Requirement: Any High School (Public, Private, Charter or Home-school) **OR** regionally accredited, non-proprietary, technical, community or four-year college or university

Education requirement: Graduating high school senior or current college freshman, sophomore, or junior

College Applicant: 23 years old or younger at time of application

Scholarship Amount: One year scholarship in the amount of \$1,500

GPA minimum: 2.5

Additional Requirements:

Parent/Guardian must be an eligible employee* of EMJ/family of companies.

*An eligible employee is a full-time salaried employee of our Family of Companies who has been employed full-time and has at least one year of service as defined by the EMJ Employee Benefits Manual as of the application deadline and who is not an executive officer (Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) of EMJ Corporation

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The Cleaveland Scholarship

Purpose and History: The Cleaveland Fund was established by Dr. and Mrs. Cleaveland to support students (including DACA and undocumented) beginning or continuing undergraduate study that experience a gap in educational funding.

Residency Requirement: Hamilton County, TN

School Requirement: Any Hamilton County Public School

Education requirement: Graduating high school senior or current college freshman

Scholarship Amount: Renewable scholarship up to four years/eight semesters in the amount of \$5,000 for academic year

Cumulative GPA minimum: 2.5

College/ Enrollment Requirement after HS graduation: any regionally accredited four-year college or university/Full-time enrollment

Must have demonstrated financial need

LaBrenda S. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Purpose and History: The LaBrenda S. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Dr. Bryan Johnson, HCS Superintendent, in loving memory of his mother who was a vivacious and talented woman, mother, friend and servant leader. Ms. Johnson valued education and committed her life to giving back to the community and pursued excellence in everything she did. Commitment and servant leadership were important values in her life and this scholarship honors her legacy.

School Requirement: Hamilton County, TN Public High School

Education Requirement: Graduating high school senior

Scholarship Amount: One-time scholarship up to \$1,500 to be used in the fall following high school graduation

GPA minimum: 2.6

College/Enrollment Requirement after HS graduation: any regionally accredited, non-proprietary, technical, two-year community or four-year college

Must have demonstrated financial need

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Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon Xi Sigma Scholarship

Purpose and History: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The Founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as “a part of” the general community rather than “apart from” the general community. They believed that each potential member should be judged by his own merits, rather than his family background or affluence...without regard to race, nationality, skin tone or texture of hair. They desired for their fraternity to exist as part of an even greater brotherhood which would be devoted to the “inclusive we” rather than the “exclusive we”.

Residency Requirement: Hamilton County

School Requirement: Any Hamilton County School (Public, Private or Charter)

Education requirement: Graduating high school senior

Scholarship Amount: One-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 used the fall following graduation

GPA minimum: 2.5

College/ Enrollment Requirement after HS graduation: any regionally accredited, non-proprietary four-year college or university/Full-time enrollment

Must have demonstrated financial need

Additional Requirement: Open to males only