



DATE: March 25, 2019
TO: St. Landry Parish High School Seniors
Re: Scholarships Program – Applications, Rules and Regulations
Deadline for Submission: April 15, 2019, at 12:00 noon

Thank you for your interest in the scholarships and cash awards offered through the St. Landry Chamber of Commerce.

We encourage you to read the entire scholarship package very carefully. **Failure to complete the application, and/or failure to attach requested documents will automatically disqualify the applicant.**

The "**Basis**" for each scholarship is described on the following pages. You may apply for scholarships by filling out the enclosed forms. There is no need to duplicate applications. Please **indicate** which scholarship(s) you are applying for by placing a **check mark** on the short line directly below the name of the scholarship, and include that sheet with your application.

Please note that only students graduating from schools listed at the end of each page describing the Scholarship Basis can apply for that scholarship.

Mail or hand deliver your completed application with all supporting documents to:

**St. Landry Chamber of Commerce
Scholarship Program
109 W Vine Street
Opelousas, LA 70570**

Submission Deadline is April 15, 2019 - 12:00 noon

Please remember to make a copy of your application package for your files.

Reminder: Read the entire application package for specific details on rules regarding the essay, maintainability and requested documents.

For more information, call Raquel Manuel, President/CEO, at 942-2683.
St. Landry Chamber of Commerce
109 W Vine Street, Opelousas, LA 70570
337-942-2683



APPLICATION AGREEMENT

(Must be completed and returned by applicant and parent/guardian)

I/We certify that all information contained in this application is true and factual. We also agree that if applicant is selected as a finalist in the Scholarship and Awards Program, the St. Landry Chamber of Commerce may use applicant's name and likeness and any other information or materials provided by applicant in connection with said program, including his/her resume, photograph(s), and videotape(s) for purposes of new, publicity and advertising in all media including print, photographs, videotapes and electronic media, including but not limited to Internet web sites, DVDs and CDs.

Parent/Guardian Name (typewritten): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent(s)/Guardian/Sponsor

Student/Applicant's Name (typewritten): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Student

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Scholarship Program
109 W Vine Street
Opelousas, LA 70570**

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2019 Opelousas General Health System

Academic and Leadership Excellence Scholarship

Applying: _____ Yes _____ No

BASIS

In its continuing effort to share in and promote the growth and development of our community, Opelousas General Health System offers a college scholarship program. Emphasis is obviously on academic performance and potential, as well as proven leadership ability and community activity.

With the cost of higher education escalating annually, the Board of Directors of Opelousas General Health System feels that this program can meaningfully contribute toward offsetting major expense increases incurred through college cost of a family member.

The recipient of this scholarship will receive **\$1,000 per semester**. It will be presented in accordance with the attached selection and maintenance criteria listed in this package. Again, we urge you to read and be aware of the selection and maintenance criteria as set forth by the Scholarship Committee of the St. Landry Chamber of Commerce.

This scholarship recipient must attend a college or university in Louisiana; field of medicine is required.

Applicant must be a resident of St. Landry Parish and a graduate of a St. Landry Parish High School with at minimum a GPA **of 3.0** and an **ACT Score of 21**. (Both student and parent(s) must reside in St. Landry Parish)

Participating Schools for this Scholarship:

(All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.)

Academy of the Sacred Heart
Apostolic Christian Academy
Beau Chene High School
Eunice High School
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts
North Central High School

Northwest High School
Opelousas Catholic
Opelousas Senior High School
Port Barre High School
St. Edmund High School
Westminster Christian Academy

2019 ST. LANDRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CASH AWARD

(ONE \$500 CASH AWARD TO BE GIVEN)

Applying: _____ Yes _____ No

BASIS

Believing in the youth of St. Landry Parish, the St. Landry Chamber of Commerce will issue a **\$500.00** award which will be given to a different student each year.

To qualify the recipient must:

- Be a resident of St. Landry Parish (Both student and parent(s) must reside in St. Landry Parish)
- A graduate of a St. Landry Parish high school.
- Attend a Louisiana college, university, or technical campus.
- Have a minimum **GPA OF 3.0** and an **ACT Score of 20**.

Participating Schools for this Scholarship:

(All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.)

Academy of the Sacred Heart
Apostolic Christian Academy
Beau Chene High School
Eunice High School
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts
North Central High School

Northwest High School
Opelousas Catholic
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Westminster Christian Academy

2019 ST. LANDRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FELIX DEZAUCHE - J. W. LOW

MEMORIAL YAM SCHOLARSHIP

(Financed with proceeds from Soiree Royale')

Applying: _____ Yes _____ No

BASIS

The St. Landry Chamber of Commerce has a strong belief in contributing to the continuing education of St. Landry Parish high school graduates. This award can only be used at a Louisiana college, Louisiana university or Louisiana technical college.

Applicant must be a resident of St. Landry Parish and a graduate of a St. Landry Parish High School with at a minimum GPA **of 3.0** and an **ACT Score of 20**. (Both student and parent(s) must reside in St. Landry Parish)

This award is a one-time cash amount of **\$1,000.00**, given to a different student each year.

Participating Schools for this Scholarship:

(All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.)

Academy of the Sacred Heart
Apostolic Christian Academy
Beau Chene High School
Eunice High School
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts
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2019 LOUISIANA HEALTHCARE GROUP

***Louisiana Hospice and Pallative Care,
St. Landry Extended Care Hospital, St. Landry HomeCare,
Louisiana Family Fitness Center***

ACADEMIC & LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Applying: _____Yes _____No

BASIS

In its continuing effort to share in, and promote the growth and development of our community, **LOUISIANA HEALTHCARE GROUP**, offers a college scholarship program. Emphasis is on academic potential, as well as proven leadership ability, community activity, and having as an individual test scores deamable and a continuing interest in the field of health care. Through this scholarship the Board of Directors of **LOUISIANA HEALTHCARE GROUP** hopes to encourage and assist students to enter the field of health care.

An annual, one-time cash award of **\$1000.00 (paid out \$500.00 for the first two semesters)** will be awarded to, and in the name of, one successful recipient. The award will be presented upon acceptance to said college/university.

The applicant seeking the award must:

- Be a resident of, and graduate from a St. Landry Parish High School. (Both student and parent(s) must reside in St. Landry Parish
- Seek to further their education in the related field of health care.
- Seek admission to a Louisiana Accredited college or university.
- Meet the attached selection criteria as set forth by the Scholarship Committee of the St. Landry Chamber of Commerce.
- Meet academic requirements of a **3.0 GPA** and an **ACT Score of 20**.

Participating Schools for this Scholarship:

(All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.)

Academy of the Sacred Heart
Apostolic Christian Academy
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Westminster Christian Academy



Opelousas Kiwanis Club Scholarship

(TWO \$500 CASH AWARDS TO BE GIVEN)

Community Volunteerism Scholarship

Applying: _____ Yes _____ No

BASIS

In its continuing effort to share in, and promote the civic and philanthropic growth and development of our community, **the Opelousas Kiwanis Club**, offers a college scholarship program. Emphasis is on volunteerism efforts, as well as proven leadership ability, school involvement and community engagement.

The award is a one-time cash award of **\$500** and will be awarded to, and in the name of, two successful recipients. The award will be presented upon acceptance to the student's chosen college/university.

The applicant seeking the award must:

- Be a resident of, and graduate from a St. Landry Parish High School (Opelousas area schools). (Both student and parent(s) must reside in St. Landry Parish)
- Seek admission to a Louisiana Accredited college or university or Community College system.
- Meet the attached selection criteria as set forth by the Scholarship Committee of the Opelousas-St. Landry Chamber of Commerce.

Participating Schools for this Scholarship:

(All St. Landry Parish Schools that are Louisiana accredited institutions of learning.)

Academy of the Sacred Heart
Apostolic Christian Academy
Beau Chene High School
Port Barre High School

Northwest High School
Opelousas Catholic
Opelousas Senior High School

ST. LANDRY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2019 Scholarships and Cash Awards

Application Form

Submission Deadline: April 15, 2019 - 12:00 noon

**Must be hand delivered to the Chamber Office
by 12:00 Noon, April 15, 2019.**

The Chamber of Commerce is located at 109 W. Vine St. in Opelousas.

Complete form by printing or typing. All blanks *must* be filled in.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Address: _____

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

High School GPA: _____ ACT Composite Score: _____

College/University/Technical College you plan to attend: _____

(Note: You must advise the Chamber of your first choice and submit a letter of acceptance form that school.)

Major Course of Study: _____

2019 St. Landry Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program

PROCESS

INITIAL SCREENING

- **Formal application must be made by 12:00 noon., April 15, 2019**
- A selection committee will screen applications, select finalists and choose scholarship/cash award winners.
- Will be coordinated through the Chamber of Commerce and participating St. Landry Parish senior high schools.
- Each essay will be graded as outlined in the attached scholarship application scoring and evaluation sheet
- A formula will be devised to create same degree of balance and will be used as initial screen.
- Selection Committee will consist of representatives of the Chamber, Donors and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Must be a graduating high school senior of a St. Landry Parish High School, and a resident of St. Landry Parish.**
- Unless otherwise stated in the "Basis" for each award, the recipient must attend a Louisiana college, university or technical school.

Reminder: Read carefully "Basis" for each scholarship and maintainability. Attach requested documents to your application.

- Minimum High School GPA 3.3 in major academic subjects only, unless otherwise stated in "Basis" of award:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Required</u>
English	4
Science (Chemistry, Biology, Physical Science, Physics)	3
Math (Algebra I, II; Geometry; Trigonometry; Business Math; Accounting I, II; Advanced Math)	3

Social Studies 3
(World Geography; Civics/Free Enterprise; American History; World History;
Government; Ethics)

Electives 5
(Sociology; Ecology; Government; Psychology; Computer Literacy ½ credit;
Computer Science; Languages; Extra Math; Extra Sciences; Extra Social Studies)

Eighteen (18) Hours Core Academic

- Must submit formal application with **all** supporting documentation. An incomplete application will be de-facto rejected.

ESSAY:

- Must complete and submit with application, a written essay of **750 - 1,000** words.
- **Do Not exceed 1,000 words.**
 - Essay must be typed and double spaced on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
 - **Do Not put your name on the essay, only the title and the last four numbers of your social security number.**

The Scholarship/Awards Funding Process

(See "Basis" on ALL ATTACHED SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS)

- Opelousas General Health System - \$2,000 per school year issued by OGHS **to college/university**: \$1,000 September 1st and January 1st of each school year.
- St. Landry Chamber of Commerce "Felix Dezauche – J. W. Low Memorial Yam Scholarship - \$1,000 payable **to the university or college** by the Chamber.
- Recipients will be acknowledged during Chamber's Annual Academic Banquet

Granting of the Scholarships/Awards:

- Recipient will designate college/university of choice
- Chamber and Scholarship Donors will coordinate with college/university
- Recipient must present **acceptance letter** from said college/university
- Recipient must graduate from high school prior to the September college/university Freshman entry date
- Recipient must maintain eligibility (see below)

Maintaining Eligibility (GPA based on 4.0 system):

- Must be a full time student, carry and maintain twelve (12) semester hours per semester or equivalent, if on a quarter system.
- **Maintainability For all awards:** 2.5 overall Grade Point Average GPA on all courses taken at the end of the first (1st) semester of freshman year, by December 31 annually, **must be sent to donors and Chamber.**
- For Opelousas General Hospital Scholarship: Must maintain a 3.0 overall GPA each semester thereafter; **must be sent to Chamber and Opelousas General Hospital.**
- By August 1st annually, recipient of the **Opelousas General Hospital Academics Scholarship**, must request, in writing, continuation of payments to the university/college. The above requested information must be included.

Application will be disqualified for any of the following:

- Failure of student to maintain adequate standards as stated above
- Conviction of student for any felony offense
- Any acts of omissions inconsistent with the intent of this program
- Falsification of any information required during scholarship process which includes application or reapplication and continuations.
- Voluntary relinquishment by recipient
- Drafted in Armed Forces: in this case student may reapply, if discharged under Honorable condition.

APPLICATION:

- Will have closing/deadline date.
- Must complete attached basic application form.
- Must submit essay, must be student's own work in terms of content.
- Must submit **all** appropriate and official (requested) supporting documents.
- **Must agree to all terms and conditions.**

Reminder: Read carefully "Basis" for each scholarship and maintainability. Attach requested documents to your application.

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Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
SCORING AND EVALUATION SHEET

I. **Essay:** The Essay will be graded/evaluated based on the following criteria and in accordance to the percentages indicated.

II.

A.	Content	50%
B.	Creativity	20%
C.	Grammar	20%
D.	Form and Syntax	10%

III. **Application:** The scoring of the entire application, for the purpose of ranking, shall be done according to the following breakdown:

A.	ACT	40%
B.	GPA	20%
C.	Essay	30%
D.	Activities	10%

IV. **Category Scoring:** Breakdown of each category listed in Section II will be done as follows:

A.	ACT	
	1.	20 – 21 = 1 point
	2.	22 – 24 = 2 point
	3.	25 – 28 = 3 points
	4.	29 – 32 = 4 points
	5.	33 – 36 = 5 points

B.	GPA	
	1.	3.00 – 3.29 = 1 point
	2.	3.30 – 3.49 = 2 points
	3.	3.50 – 3.79 = 3 points
	4.	3.80 – 4.00 = 4 points

C.	ESSAY	
	1.	> 80% = 0 points
	2.	80 - 88% = 1 point
	3.	89 - 94% = 2 points
	4.	95 - 100% = 3 points

D.	Activities (Total High School Years)	
	1.	0 – 4 extra curricular = 0 points
	2.	5 – 9 extra curricular = 1 point
	3.	10 or more extra curricular = 2 points

E. Personal Interview

Note: Extra curricular activities include any school-related, non-academic programs; any church or civic club involvement; scouting, junior achievement, leadership events. Each year of involvement equals one (1) credit (example: each year of CYO in high school; each year in FBLA or FFA; each sport played equals one (1) credit, etc.

2019 St. Landry Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program

Essay Topic: The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

2019 ESSAY SELECTION

- **Instructions:** Compose a 750 – 1,000 word essay (12 pt. font), double-spaced essay using the above topic. You are free to give your essay a creative title. **Do Not put your name on the essay, only the title and the last four numbers of your social security number.**

**Minimum of seven hundred fifty (750) words.
Maximum of one thousand (1,000) words.**

Reminder: *Read the entire application package for specific details on rules regarding the Essay, Maintainability, and requested documents.*

***** IMPORTANT *****

Reminder.....REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- Essay
- Copy of official ACT scores
- Copy of current high school GPA, highlighting the qualifying courses
- Completed application form
- Letter from high school principal *CERTIFYING* the accuracy and veracity of supporting documents
- 2019 RELEASE FORM