

The April Lynn Elder Memorial Scholarship Application



Overview

The *April Lynn Elder Scholarship* was established in loving memory of a beautiful young lady with a caring and benevolent spirit who devoted her life in service to her family and others. Among her many attributes and outstanding qualities, April was kind and compassionate in her desire to help others; confident in her abilities; steadfast in her faith and beliefs; authentic and trustworthy in her relationships; independent in her thinking; persistent in her drive to complete tasks, and open minded in accepting of others and experiencing new things. The scholarship is awarded to qualified graduating high school seniors pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university.

The mission of this scholarship is to support students whose community and civic engagement, service to others, academic achievements, and goals reflect the character, service, and works of April Lynn Elder.

The April Lynn Elder Scholarship is awarded through a comprehensive review process that considers academic accomplishments, community service, references, an essay, video submission, and finalist interviews. Scholarship awards range from **\$1,000 to \$1,500**, with the number of awards based on available funding. Through this scholarship, the Foundation seeks to encourage students to pursue their educational goals and continue making a positive impact in their communities.

Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Georgia.
- Minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
- Must graduate from high school at the end of the current school year in May or June.
- Demonstrate evidence of participation in community service and/or service to others.

Criteria/Requirements Applicant must:

- Complete and sign an online scholarship application.

- Provide a signed photo release statement.
- Provide an official high school transcript.
- Have a minimum score of 1050 on the SAT or a minimum score of 18 on the ACT
- Provide two (2) Reference letters: one academic (i.e. from a teacher or counselor) and one community service representative; no relative recommendations allowed.
- Provide a 300-word essay: a personal statement that includes personal and professional career goals, and at least two qualities or characteristics of April that the applicant demonstrates.
PLEASE NOTE: *The extent to which AI technologies are used will be assessed during the application review process. Students should use their own ideas, thoughts and expressions when writing the essay.*
- Include a professional picture (i.e., cap and gown photo, yearbook picture, professional headshot). Selfies will not be accepted.
- Provide a video presentation and link with requirements below.
- Sign and date the application. The application and accompanying material **will not** be returned to applicants.
- Provide proof of college enrollment (must be provided prior to receiving scholarship award).

Please submit application to:
aelderfoundation@gmail.com

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 15

Video Presentation Requirements

Attire: Business Casual

Lighting: Be sure that there is adequate lighting and sound for the video with no background noise

Background: Neutral background, free of distractions. Example – plain wall without graphics in an enclosed room.

Video Length: 3-5 minutes

Video Link: Be sure that the video link permission is set to allow the ability to view to anyone with the link. Insert the video link below and include the link in your email.

Requirements (please address the following in your video)

1. Introduction (include your name, school, intended college major). Tell us about yourself and share at least two of your accomplishments that you are most proud.
2. Explain the importance of community service and service to others and share examples of how you have demonstrated their importance.

The April Lynn Elder Memorial Scholarship Application Checklist

Please email the following components to aelderfoundation@gmail.com.

- Completed and signed scholarship application
- Official copy of high school transcript: high school (and college, if dually enrolled)
- Two Letters of recommendation, not a relative (academic and community)
- 300-word essay
- Professional photo
- Photo Release Statement signed
- Link for video presentation

ONLINE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ONLY DECEMBER 1st - FEBRUARY 15th

THE APRIL LYNN ELDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(Applications are due by February 15)

Name _____ Phone _____
Last First MI

Address _____
Street
City State Zip

Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

Personal Information

Place an X in the appropriate space.

Parent _____ Guardian _____

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Academic Information

Name of High School _____

Address _____
Street

City State Zip

Overall grade point average _____ on a _____ point scale

Expected date of graduation _____

College/University attending _____

Intended major _____

College acceptance: _____ Yes _____ No Specify College: _____



Extracurricular and Community Involvement (include leadership roles and/or positions held)

List ALL activities and honors during high school years. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

1. School Activities

2. Community Activities

3. Honors and Awards

ESSAY:

On a separate sheet, 300 words minimum (typed, double-spaced), please provide a personal statement addressing (1) your personal and professional career goals, and (2) at least two qualities and characteristics of April that you demonstrate, their importance to you and how you applied them in relating to others.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY: I hereby affirm that all the above information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I, also, consent for my photo to be used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the April Lynn Elder Memorial Foundation.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Applicant's Signature

Date

