

Atchison Leaders' Scholarship

Awarded by the



ATCHISON COMMUNITY

Educational Foundation

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The Atchison Leaders’ Scholarship is a privately funded scholarship designed to award deserving students the opportunity to attend Benedictine College for a full four years. The scholarship is designed to fully fund the direct cost of attending Benedictine College. This is accomplished through a three-part effort by the Atchison Community Educational Foundation, Benedictine College, and the student. The scholarship monies awarded will remain in effect for up to four years as long as scholarship retention guidelines are maintained.

Here is how the Scholarship works:

1. The Recipient, will borrow through Benedictine College the maximum available federally subsidized loans. Such funds will be applied against their tuition costs. Upon Recipient’s successful completion of the terms of this scholarship, the Foundation will repay 100% of the federally subsidized loans contemplated herein and borrowed by the Recipient.
2. The Recipient will be required to make a unique commitment to the community of Atchison. In return for a Benedictine College education, a recipient who receives a full four-year scholarship will be required to live and work in Atchison for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years following graduation.
3. Should Recipient fail to successfully fulfill any of the requirements of this scholarship, all monies borrowed by Recipient shall be the sole obligation of Recipient. Failure by Recipient to successfully comply with the terms of this scholarship shall relieve the Atchison Community Educational Foundation from any repayment obligation of monies borrowed by Recipient.
4. The winner of this scholarship will be required to sign a contract outlining the specifics contained in this description. The goal of this scholarship is to reward Atchison students and, thus, develop homegrown leadership for Atchison’s future.

The scholarship is awarded to African-American male high school seniors from Atchison County, Kansas who otherwise meet the criteria as established by the scholarship committee. The purpose of the scholarship is to combat the continuing loss of African-American males from within the community who possess a post-high school level of education and choose to remain within the community. Students must demonstrate a high likelihood of successful completion of a traditional, 4-year college participation as reported by high school personnel, and must possess both leadership potential and a commitment to contribute to Atchison’s future.

Students from all walks of life are encouraged to apply in the event no other applicant meets the initial scholarship criteria. The scholarship may be awarded to other at-risk groups (African-American, Hispanic, Asian-American, Native America, and Bi-Racial) as well as students exhibiting a strong financial need who otherwise meet the criteria as established by the scholarship committee.

Application Process

- € Fill out the Atchison Leaders' Scholarship application in full.
- € Provide current high school transcripts.
- € Provide four (4) references, two (2) from school, two (2) from community.
- € Complete essay.
- € Complete Applicant Release Form.
- € Schedule and complete a campus tour at Benedictine College before March 25. Tours can be arranged by contacting Traci Crowell at tcrowell@benedictine.edu.
- € Complete and submit FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by **March 15 of the year in which you apply for this Scholarship.**
- € Apply and be accepted for admission to Benedictine College.
- € Mail completed packet to:
 - Atchison Community Educational Foundation
 - Attn: Atchison Leaders' Scholarship
 - PO Box 16
 - Atchison, KS 66002

All applications must be postmarked by: **March 25, 2021.**

Candidates may expedite the process by insuring they have taken the SAT or ACT, and have familiarized themselves with the admissions procedures at Benedictine College.

Atchison Leaders' Scholarship Application

Specific Information

1. Full Legal Name: _____
2. Home Address: _____
3. Home Phone: ()

4. Gender: Male _____ Female _____
6. Ethnic Background: White _____ Black _____ Hispanic _____
American Indian _____
Asian/Pacific Islander _____ Multi-Ethnic _____
7. U.S. Citizen: Yes _____ No _____

Family Information

1. Father's name and address: _____
2. Mother's name and address: _____
3. Guardian's name and address: _____
4. Student lives with: Both Parents _____ Father _____ Mother _____
Guardian _____
Other (please describe) _____

General Information

1. High School(s) Attended: _____
2. Date of High School Graduation: Month _____ Year _____
3. ACT Score SAT Score GPA Class Rank
4. Employment History:

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5. Extracurricular Activities:

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6. Volunteer History:

7. Leadership Experience:

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8. Semester you plan to enter Benedictine College: Semester _____ Year _____

9. How did you become aware of this scholarship program?

Signature _____

Date _____

Essa y (Must Be Typed)

In order for the committee to judge your qualifications for this scholarship, you are asked to answer the questions listed below. There is no minimum or maximum length. You should answer each question based on what you feel will provide the committee with the appropriate amount of information necessary to judge your candidacy.

1. Why do you want and need this particular scholarship?
2. Describe yourself. Be sure to address your strengths and weaknesses.
3. Who has been the most influential person(s) in your life and why?
4. Please describe your concept of “community service.” What aspects of Atchison do you believe need improvement and how would you contribute to that improvement?
5. What benefits do you believe you will receive as a result of participating in this scholarship program?
6. Why do you believe you should be picked to receive this scholarship?

Atchison Leaders' Scholarship Reference Form

Please type responses or use pen when completing reference form.

Reference for:

Person providing

reference:

Position or

Title: Phone

Number:

1. In what capacity do you know this applicant?

2. Based on your knowledge of the applicant, do you believe his/her likelihood of success at college is:

(please circle) High Moderate Low

3. Are there any special circumstances or additional help that might increase the chances of this student's success?

4. Briefly provide us with your thoughts regarding the potential of this student to contribute to the community following a successful college experience.

Signature _____
Date _____

Do not return to applicant.

MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: Atchison Community Educational Foundation
Attn: Atchison Leaders' Scholarship
PO Box 16
Atchison, KS 66002

Applicant Release Form

I, _____, authorize release of my name.

In the event I am selected as a finalist for the Atchison Leaders' Scholarship, I authorize my name to be released to Benedictine College.

I understand that in order to be interviewed as a finalist I must complete the application and financial review with Benedictine College. I authorize Benedictine College to release the result of that process to the Atchison Leaders' Scholarship Committee.

Student _____

Signature: Date:

Parent or
Guardian: (if _____

appropriate) Date:

ATCHISON COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION **SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT**

The undersigned Recipient, having heretofore applied for a Scholarship from the Atchison Community Educational Foundation, Atchison, Kansas, (hereinafter called Foundation), and said Scholarship having been conditionally approved, the parties agree as follows:

Recipient agrees that:

1. At the commencement of each academic year (or semester, whichever is appropriate) Recipient will borrow the maximum available Federal Direct Subsidized Loan (or any similar successor program) through the Benedictine College Office of Financial Aid. Such sums borrowed shall be applied directly to the outstanding tuition costs as well as costs of room and board applicable to the Recipient.
2. Recipient shall, by March 15 of each academic year, fill out and submit for application the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to continue to be eligible for receipt of this scholarship.
3. All amounts received by the Foundation for the benefit of the Recipient in connection with the Recipient's education, shall be and become a part of this scholarship/loan.
4. Recipient will maintain a minimum sufficient number of hours per academic semester in order to graduate within four (4) years.
5. Recipient will maintain full-time student status (a minimum of 12 credit hours) each semester while enrolled at Benedictine College.
6. Recipient will maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or as otherwise required by Benedictine College.
7. Not less than each semester the Recipient will meet with the Foundation president, or his/her designee, and review the grades, attendance, and the class schedule of the most recently completed semester as well as the next semester thereafter. Additionally, the Recipient shall review the total money expended on his or her behalf. Such meeting shall take place prior to the distribution of any funds by the Foundation for the subsequent semester. The recipient agrees to release their transcript to the Foundation. By signing this agreement, their signature shall act as a release to approve the Foundation's ability to obtain the recipient's transcript in the future
8. Recipient will participate in the Foundation mentoring program with other Recipients and Board Members as directed by the Foundation.
9. Recipient will be expected to speak at or otherwise attend events sponsored by the Foundation and/or other community events as directed by the Foundation.

10. Recipient will perform 10 hours of volunteer service in the Atchison community per semester during the Recipients tenure at Benedictine College. Hours will need to be submitted to Foundation mentor at the end of each semester.
11. Recipient will reside in on-campus housing. Exceptions may be subject to Board approval for special circumstances.
12. Recipient will furnish a 5x7 graduation photo to the Foundation Chairperson upon graduation.
13. Immediately following graduation, a four (4) year scholarship Recipient shall reside within Atchison County, Kansas for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years.
14. Within three (3) months of graduation from Benedictine College, a four (4) year scholarship Recipient shall secure and maintain full-time available employment within Atchison County, Kansas for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years. No employment of Recipient is guaranteed by this Agreement.
15. If Recipient leaves school, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, or otherwise fails to maintain student status (as stated in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6) at Benedictine College, the Recipient shall be in default of this agreement and shall notify the Foundation in writing immediately. In the event of default of this agreement the Recipient shall repay to the Foundation the full amount loaned by the Foundation with interest of three percent (3%) within two (2) years from the last day attended or as otherwise agreed to by Recipient and Foundation. In addition, any obligation on the part of the Foundation to repay any financial obligations of the Recipient associated with the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan referenced in Paragraph 1 above is null and void and the Recipient will be solely responsible for repayment of the loans in their name.
16. Upon graduation should Recipient fail to fulfill the residency and/or employment requirements of this agreement, Recipient shall be in default of this agreement. In that event, the full amount loaned by the Foundation must be repaid with interest of three percent (3%) within two (2) years from the last day of residency or employment or as otherwise agreed to by Recipient and Foundation. In addition, any obligation on the part of the Foundation to repay any financial obligations of the Recipient associated with the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan referenced in Paragraph 1 above is null and void and the Recipient will be solely responsible for repayment of the loans in their name.
17. Recipient agrees that any notice sent to the Recipient's address on this Agreement will constitute due notice, unless another address has been furnished to the Foundation in writing, and the last address so furnished shall be substituted.
18. Recipient shall, while fulfilling the residency requirements of this Scholarship, apply for all deferments concerning the repayment of the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan in order to assist the Foundation with avoiding having to make payments on any such loan until such time as the duration requirement has been fulfilled. In the event Recipient is unable to procure such a deferment then in that event Recipient shall promptly notify the Foundation President or

his/her designee so that appropriate action may be taken by the Foundation.

The Foundation agrees that:

- A. It will pay the net balance due to Benedictine College, after application of the aforementioned federal financial aid, tuition, room and board (for on-campus living only), books and necessary classroom and/or administrative fees for Benedictine College for the academic period of Recipient not to exceed four (4) years, all in reliance on Recipient's agreements hereinbefore set out. Said payments shall not include costs associated with summer school, study abroad programs, or any other non-traditional expenses.

- B. Upon graduation and subsequent fulfillment of the work and residency requirements, the Foundation shall pay all of the financial obligations of the Recipient associated with the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan referenced in paragraph 1 above.

- C. Should Recipient fail to fulfill the work and residency requirements, any obligation on the part of the Foundation to repay any financial obligations of the Recipient associated with the Federal Direct Subsidized Loan referenced in Paragraph 1 above is null and void and the Recipient will be solely responsible for repayment of the loans in their name.

- D. The Foundation will consider payment of costs associated with summer school on a case-by-case basis. Any such request must be made in writing to the Foundation no later than April 1 preceding the summer school academic period.

- E. The Foundation will consider temporary suspension of the terms of repayment of this loan on a case-by-case basis for those Recipients that wish to pursue further academic advancement. Provided, however, that any such request for suspension must be received by the Foundation in writing no later than March 1 of the Recipient's final year at Benedictine College.

The parties have signed this _____ day of _____
Agreement at Atchison,
Kansas, this _____

_____, 20____ .

Recipient

Atchison Community
Educational Foundation

By: _____
STREET

ADDRESS

President, Atchison Community
Educational Foundation

CITY, STATE, & ZIP CODE