



# COLUMBUS LOWNDES CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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## **Columbus Lowndes Chamber of Commerce**

### ***Chamber Member Scholarship Application***

The Columbus Lowndes Chamber of Commerce is proud to offer scholarships sponsored by Chamber members for high school seniors graduating from any school within the boundaries of Lowndes County, Mississippi.

Recipients must meet the following criteria:

1. Entering freshman in any university, college, or community college as a full-time student for the forthcoming fall semester.
2. Must score at least 21 on the ACT exam and have a minimum 3.0 GPA for their senior year.
3. Must clearly demonstrate a financial need and provide a **completed and filed** Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**Deadline for Submission: March 1, 2023**

This application can be found at [clchamber.org](http://clchamber.org) -> Get Involved -> Programs -> Education Awards Programs

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE STAPLE ALL  
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND MAIL OR EMAIL TO:**

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c/o Katie Fenstermacher  
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**CHECKLIST**

Please make sure your application packet includes the following:

- Completed Application**
- Essay**
- ACT scores**
- Transcripts from grades 9th-11<sup>th</sup> with cumulative GPA provided**
- First Semester averages for 12<sup>th</sup> grade courses**
- Completed and filed Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**
- Two letters of recommendation**

(Please type or print clearly)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

University, College or Community College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMICS**

Applicants must submit a high school transcript covering grades 9-11 and first semester averages for grade 12 courses and ACT scores.

**CUMULATIVE GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ACT SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Attach a copy of your **completed and filed** Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

List all school organizations and activities in which you have participated, and indicate positions of responsibility or offices you have held in each.

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**COMMUNITY/CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

List all school organizations and activities in which you have participated, and indicate positions of responsibility or offices you have held in each. Include volunteer and/or religious activities.

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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

List all jobs (part-time, full-time, summer, etc.) that you have had during the last four years.

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Position Held</b>	<b>Length of Employment</b>
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**ESSAY**

Submit a personally prepared essay on the topic of *The Importance of Continuing Your Education After High School*. Essay to be typed, minimum of one page, maximum of two pages, one inch margin; double spaced, and 12 point font Times New Roman.