

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF EARLY COUNTY
GROWTH SCHOLARSHIP 2024**

Return completed applications postmarked or returned to the Chamber-Development Authority Office (214 Court Square) by **4 pm on Friday, May 17, 2024.**

TO: Development Authority of Early County
214 Court Square
Blakely, GA 39823

- SPONSOR:** Sponsored by the Development Authority of Early County with funds provided by Silicon Ranch
- PURPOSE:** -To assist outstanding young adults who are planning to continue their education after high school
-To foster future growth in Early County
- AWARD:** The total scholarship award is \$4,500. The amount each recipient receives will depend on the number of winners, either one or two, selected by the Early County Development Authority. Winner(s) will be chosen by the week of June 1st. The recipient's check will be deposited directly to his or her post-secondary Institution. If an acceptable number of qualified applicants do not apply, funds will be applied to the following scholarship academic year.
- ELIGIBILITY:** -Applicants must reside in Early County. Verification of address will take place once applications are submitted.
-Applicants must be a current high school senior.
-Applicants must enroll in a post-secondary program for the 2024-2025 academic year.
-Applicants must have intentions of returning to Early County upon completion of the post-secondary program.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Cover Page
- B. High School Information
- C. Short Answer
- D. Essay
- E. Two Specific References- Community and School
- F. Unofficial High School Transcript signed and dated by School Counselor
- G. Copy of acceptance letter or other evidence confirming post-secondary admittance. *If not yet accepted, this information will be required prior to awarding the scholarship.*

TYPED APPLICATIONS ARE PREFERRED. HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ESSAY MUST BE TYPED.

Applications must be submitted by the deadline listed above.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Late applications will not be considered.

**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF EARLY COUNTY GROWTH SCHOLARSHIP 2024
HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION-Section B**

Official Use Only Applicant #

Current High School GPA _____

Current High School Class Rank _____

Participation in extracurricular activities (List):

1. Clubs / Organizations / Offices Held:

2. Honors and Recognition:

3. Athletics:

4. Community Involvement:

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ESSAY-Section D

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ESSAY REQUIREMENTS- Minimum of one page -Maximum of two
Typed: New Times Roman /12-point font / Double Spaced
Must address all questions presented
Do NOT include your name or names of any family members in your essay.

ESSAY TOPIC

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF EARLY COUNTY UPON RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY AFTER YOUR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IS COMPLETE?

Paragraph one should include the following:

How long have you resided in Early County? What do you love about Early County?
Why do you want to return to Early County?

Paragraph two should include the following:

Why do you believe Early County is worth investing in? What vision do you have
for Early County in years to come?

Paragraph three should include the following:

In what ways can you see Early County growing in the future? How can you
contribute to that growth upon returning to Early County?

Paragraph four should include the following:

Closing statements as to why the Development Authority of Early County should
choose you for this scholarship.

Please use pages 6 and 7 to complete your essay OR attach your essay to this page.

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REFERENCES-Section E

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*Reference forms should be handwritten by
the person of your choosing.*

REFERENCE 2-COMMUNITY

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

Name of person providing reference: _____

Position: _____ Signature _____

If possible, please limit your responses to the space allotted on this page.

4. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

5. What are the applicant's strengths?

6. What reasons do you have for recommending the applicant for this scholarship?

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ACCEPTANCE DOCUMENTATION-Section G**

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**Attach documentation of acceptance to the post-secondary
institution to this page.**