



February 10, 2022

TO: Principals

Guidance Counselors

Scholarship Directors

**RE: Scholarships for graduating class of 2022**

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge (BPOE) #1120 in Pascagoula is proud to announce the availability of four scholarships to the 2022 high school graduates in our area. These awards will be granted on a competitive basis and are open to high school students who reside east of Highway 57 to the Mississippi/Alabama state line within Jackson County. The applicant must be graduating from a high school in Jackson County, Mississippi. These awards will be judged on the basis of ACT or SAT scores, course grades in state required curricula, organizational participation and leadership, and the financial need of the student. Each \$1000, one year non-renewable award may be used in any accredited college or university in pursuit of an undergraduate or bachelor's degree. Applicants should review the application procedures outlined on page four carefully for general instructions and compliance of information.

Applications may be made on photocopies of the official application form provided by Pascagoula Elks Lodge. The form will be available on or before February 10, 2022, and the deadline for filing the application with the Pascagoula Elks Lodge is March 15, 2022. The

Scholarship Committee of the Pascagoula Lodge will be available to assist with any questions you or the applicant may have.

We have included several copies of the applications for your distribution. Should you require more, please feel free to copy the forms or contact me at the email or phone number listed below.

Scholarship Committee:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Becky Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Becky" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Turner".

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## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 offers four one-year scholarship grants of \$1,000.00 to any accredited college or university for students who are in the graduating class of a high school. The scholarship is for one year only and is not renewable. All applicants must be citizens of the United States of America on the date the application is filed. This scholarship grant may be used for usual and required costs of the applicant's planned course of study such as tuition, fees, books, and supplies. This award may not be used to cover retroactive charges and will not cover payments for any academic year begun prior to August 1st of the applicable year.

**AWARD FORMAT:** All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award issued by Pascagoula Elks Lodge, conditioned upon enrollment of the student in an undergraduate degree program at the college or university. Upon receipt of the "Verification of Enrollment" form, from proper school officials, a Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 check for the amount of the award will be forwarded to the school to establish credit for the student. Unexpended credit is subject to withdrawal if conduct of the student is contrary to principles of law and order, and morality supported by the Order of Elks.

Applications will be judged on **Scholastic Achievement** (combination of ACT/SAT scores, grades in state required curricula courses), **Leadership Performance** (number and type of organizational memberships and leadership positions attained), **Volunteerism**, and **Financial Strength** (financial need and resourcefulness).

This application must be filed with the Scholarship Committee, Secretary or Exalted Ruler of Pascagoula Lodge 1120 no later than **March 15th** of the award year.

Applicant must file the official Pascagoula Elks Lodge Memorial Scholarship Form (photocopies or computer-generated application forms are acceptable). It must be dated and signed by the student and the custodian parent(s) or guardian(s). Typewritten applications, statements, and letters are preferred over handwritten submissions and must be signed in all instances.

Applications and all supporting documents must be properly bound

on the left side with hinges or staples in a standard binder or cover. Elaborate bindings and clear plastic or bulky covers are undesirable. Letters must be originals, on one side of a single sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper and signed by the author. Letters of recommendation or endorsement, etc. should be removed from envelopes and bound flat (allow sufficient margin on left border for readability).

**The application folder must be arranged in the following order:**

1. Application of required facts. Carefully plan a response to each item before typing the final draft. Use 9 for freshman year of school and 10,11, and 12 for subsequent years to identify appropriate scholastic, extra-curricular and civic activities.
2. A statement by the applicant of up to 300 words, on one side of a single 8.5" by 11" paper, setting forth his/her vocational or professional goal and relate how past, present, and future activities make the accomplishment of this goal probable. The letter must be a signed original copy.
3. The parent/guardian shall prepare a statement of up to 200 words summarizing the family's obligations and resources. The statement needs to illustrate the applicant's and family's need for outside financial assistance. The statement must be a signed original copy.
4. **Official** high school transcripts of student grades from beginning of 9th grade to due date of application. Transcript may be a photocopy that bears an original signature or seal of the proper school authority.
5. A photocopy of the applicant's college entrance test scores (ACT or SAT) if the scores are not recorded on the official high school transcript. Include only one (1) set of scores of either ACT scores or SAT scores.
6. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or administrator at school(s) attended by the applicant. Letter may cover the applicant's ability, work habits, leadership, personality and integrity. The letter must be a signed original on one side of a single sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper.
7. One letter of endorsement from responsible community (nonschool) person. This person should not be related to the applicant.

The endorser should be capable of reporting the applicant's participation in the community in terms of work service, leadership, volunteerism, notable skills and outstanding recognition. The letter must be a signed original on one side of a single sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper.

**Any items listed above that are missing WILL disqualify the applicant.**

The Memorial Scholarships that are available to high school graduating seniors are respectfully named after past members:

Vernon DeJean Memorial Scholarship (1- year, \$1,000)

Vincent Ros Memorial Scholarship (1- year, \$1,000)

Donald Olien Memorial Scholarship (1- year, \$1,000)

Julius & Marion Martin Memorial Scholarship (1-year, \$1,000)

Thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. You will be notified by letter from our Scholarship Chairman.