This is a one-time $1,000 education scholarship award made to two (2) deserving seniors, public, high school students in the state of Alabama. The scholarship award is made to the postsecondary school selected by the awarded student and to the student.

**Application Form Must Be Completed and Received on or Before April 1, 2024**

**Award Guidelines**

1. The parent/guardian listed has been an active employee in a local Alabama public school transportation program for the past three years. (For the purpose of this scholarship award, the past three year’s work history requirement is defined as the period since January 1, 2021.)

2. The student applicant has at least a 3.0 (B) scholastic average, will graduate from a public high school, and will attend a postsecondary educational institution in the fall of 2024.

**The Scholarship Application must include the following letters of reference:**

1. A letter from the parent/guardian’s most recent employer verifying employment in public school transportation since January 1, 2021.

2. A letter from the student’s high school guidance counselor or other authorized high school official verifying the student’s grade point average, anticipated graduation from high school, and planned attendance at a postsecondary, educational institution in the fall of 2024.

3. A letter of support from a teacher or an adult family acquaintance of the student, stating why the award should be made to this student.

**State Selection Committee**

There shall be a minimum of a three-member State Selection Committee appointed by the recognized state coordinator of Pupil Transportation Services.

Each committee member will have one vote. By majority vote, the committee will have total authority to select the state scholarship winner based on the above qualifications and any additional factors the committee deems appropriate.

**Award Process**

Prior to August 1, 2024, the scholarship award will be made to the postsecondary institution that the student will attend. The scholarship cannot be awarded to any student who has a family member serving on the selection committee.
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Application Information and Instructions 2024

Section I Applicant Personal Information

1. The recipient of the $1,000 scholarship must be the children of a school bus employee in the
public school pupil transportation field for at least the past three years. (Since January 1, 2021)

2. Selection of applicants will be based on the following criteria:

- **Scholarship** - The student shall have a cumulative grade point average (Grades 9-11) of 3.0
  (B) minimum, as verified by official high school academic records.

- **Leadership** - The student shall have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and abilities
  in co-curricular activities and community service activities.

- **Citizenship** - The student shall have demonstrated exemplary citizenship qualities that
  include not only maturity, loyalty, responsibility, integrity, and trustworthiness; but also a
  concern for the well-being of all citizens.

- **Service** - The student shall have rendered unselfish service and assistance to others, to the
  school, and to the community.

- **Essay** - The student shall have explained in a typewritten essay of not more than 500 words
  why he/she applied for the scholarship and how the scholarship will be used.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND PLANS FOR AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. In the second semester of their senior year, students who meet the general criteria will complete
an application in which information supporting excellence in the five areas above will be noted.
The application must contain all information requested. **Incomplete applications will not be
considered.** Applications are available from each local transportation office. Completed
applications should be submitted to the local Supervisor/Director of Transportation or the local
scholarship selection committee chairperson.

2. Additionally, each applicant shall be required to submit a typed or hand-written essay of **not more
than 500 words**, which explains why the student has applied and how the student would use the
scholarship if selected. The essay must be submitted at the time of application and applicants are
encouraged to proofread their essays for spelling, grammar, and syntax.

3. A **local selection committee** established in each school system or district shall select from all
local applicants a finalist whose application must be submitted to the State Scholarship Selection
Committee **no later than April 1, 2024**. **Only one application from each school system or
district will be judged at the state level. If multiple applications are submitted by your school
system, then all applications submitted will be disqualified.** Applications shall not be
submitted to the state by student applicants.

4. The State Scholarship Selection Committee will select the state’s final applicants.

5. The finalist will be notified by the Program Coordinator of Pupil Transportation Services no later
than April 1, 2024.
SECTION I     APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

The parent/guardian on behalf of his or her child must submit the application.

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________________________________
(Must have been a school transportation employee since January 1, 2021.)

Parent/Guardian’s Address: ____________________________________________________

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Parent/Guardian’s Phone Number: (______) _______ - _________________________

Name of Student: _____________________________________________________________

Name of School from Which the Student Will Graduate in 2024: __________________

__________________________________________________________________________

Address of School: __________________________________________________________

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Name of the Organization Employing the Parent/Guardian: ________________________

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Employer Organization’s Contact Person: _______________________________________

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Employer’s Address: _________________________________________________________

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Employer Contact Person’s Phone Number: (____) _______ - _______________________
SECTION II  EDUCATIONAL DATA  (USE N/A IF FIELD IS NOT APPLICABLE)

1. School now attending: ________________________________
   Class Rank: ___________  In class of: __________________________
   CEEB/SAT/ACT Test: ____________________  GPA: ________________
                     Score: __________________________

2. College(s) /Vocational/Technical school(s) to which you seek admission.
   a. ____________________________________________
   b. ____________________________________________
   c. ____________________________________________

3. Have you been accepted at any of the above schools? If so, which one(s)?
   a. ____________________________________________
   b. ____________________________________________
   c. ____________________________________________

SECTION III  ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

1. List all co-curricular activities in which you have participated, including honors and awards.

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2. List athletics in which you have participated.

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3. List community service activities or projects in which you have participated.

(If additional space is needed for the above items, please attach a separate sheet.)

4. Why do you desire to continue your education?

SECTION IV       WORK EXPERIENCE

1. List any part-time or full-time work experience(s).

2. List any special interests or hobbies.
SECTION V      ESSAY

Please describe in a typed or hand-written essay, **500 words or less**, why you have applied for the scholarship and how you would use the scholarship.

You must submit the essay as an **attachment** to your application.

Please check the application for completeness before signing below. Applications must be post marked no later than April 1, 2024.

__________________________________________  ________________________________________
Date of Application                        Signature of Applicant

__________________________________________  ________________________________________
Signature of High School Principal         Signature of Parent/Guardian
The Local Scholarship Selection Committee will use this section in order to certify the selected local applicant to the state director and to the state selection committee.

**LOCAL APPLICANT CERTIFICATION TO STATE SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Signature: 

Local Scholarship Selection Committee Chairperson

Print Name: 

Signature: 

Local Director of Transportation

Print Name: 

School System: ____________________________ Telephone: ______________

THE LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL RETURN ONLY ONE APPLICATION SELECTED BY YOUR SCHOOL SYSTEM OR DISTRICT TO:

Chad Carpenter, Administrator II  
Pupil Transportation  
Alabama State Department of Education  
P. O. Box 302101  
Montgomery, AL 36130  
334-694-4545