

Acworth Business Association “Outstanding Male Leader” Payne Scholarship

The Acworth Business Association “Outstanding Male Leader” Jim Payne Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding high school senior male who has demonstrated outstanding leadership during his high school career during extracurricular activities and community service.

One (1) scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior male who currently attends a high school at North Cobb High School, Kennesaw Mountain High School, Allatoona High School or North Cobb Christian School.

The Acworth Business Association “Outstanding Male Leader” Payne Scholarship will provide a \$300 award for financial support to offset the cost of educational expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, housing, board or books.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible for consideration by the Acworth Business Association Scholarship Selection Committee.

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior attending one of the following high schools: Allatoona, Kennesaw Mountain, North Cobb or North Cobb Christian.
2. Applicant must have demonstrated academic success with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
3. Applicant must demonstrate active involvement/participation and leadership roles in extracurricular activities and community service.
4. Applicant must supply a copy of their high school transcript.
5. Applicant must intent to enroll full-time in an undergraduate program at a fully accredited two- or four-year college/university no later than Fall 2012. Applicants must supply a copy of the acceptance letter for her chosen college/university. *NOTE: If acceptance letter is not available before application deadline, submit the application and indicate you are still waiting for the letter.*
6. Applicant must submit a personal essay (300 words or less) outlining the applicant’s future goals and aspirations and what it means to be a great leader.
7. Applicant must submit one (1) letter of support from individuals who are qualified to address the candidate’s suitability for this award. Letter should be from a teacher, coach, principal, employer or pastor.

Submitting an Application

Applications are available for download at the Acworth Business Association website at www.acworthbusiness.org or from their school guidance office. Qualified individuals wishing to be considered for the Acworth Business Association "Outstanding Male Leader" Payne Scholarship must submit a completed application, including all required materials to:

Acworth Business Association
Attn: Scholarship
PO Box 448
Acworth, GA 30101

Application materials must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2012. Incomplete applications or applications postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.

Applications Materials Check-List

An application will be considered valid and complete when the following materials are included:

- () Completed and signed application form
- () Copy of high school transcripts.
- () Copy of college/university acceptance letter, if available.
- () Letter of support from _____
- () Student Resume outlining extracurricular participation and leadership roles.
- () Personal essay

Award Notification and Payment

The winning scholarship recipient will be notified in writing no later than April 15, 2012. Scholarship payment will be made in one installment in August 2011 upon receipt of official notification of enrollment/registration for classes. Payment will be made directly to the college or university on behalf of the recipient.

Recipient's Obligation

Acceptance of the award constitutes permission for Acworth Business Association to use the recipient's name in recognition as a recipient of the scholarship in the organization's publications and announcements. Furthermore, recipient agrees to provide official documentation indicating full-time enrollment at the college or university of her choice before payment will be made. Failure to supply documentation as a registered, degree seeking student will result in revocation of the full amount of the award.

About Acworth Business Association

The Acworth Business Association is dedicated to supporting and assisting local business owners, educators, community and church leaders in Acworth, GA and the surrounding communities by providing them with opportunities and resources to better their business practices and promote development and improvement of their businesses, churches, cities and schools while strategically offering their goods and services to community residents to enrich the community.

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2012 Application Form

Complete the following information and sign the application as requested. Submit along with supporting documents by March 15, 2012 to the address on page 2.

Personal Information

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Name of Parents/Guardians _____

Academic Information

High School Attending _____

College/University you plan to enroll in Fall 2012 _____

Intended major/program of study _____

Extracurricular Involvement Information

List in reverse chronological order, beginning with the most recent, all extracurricular and community service involvement during high school, include leadership roles. Indicate dates/years of involvement for each. You may attach separate resume, if additional space needed.

Letter of support

List the name and contact information for the individual who has provided a letter of support for you. The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to contact these individuals directly.

Name _____ Title _____ Phone _____

Personal Essay

Attach personal essay. The essay must be well-written, typed and be no more than 300 words. The essay should also address your future goals and aspiration and what makes a great leader.

Agreement

By signing below, I certify that the information on this application and all attachments are true and correct.

I understand the Acworth Business Association Scholarship Selection Committee may conduct investigations related to the information I have provided herein and agree to hold the Committee harmless of any claims of liability resulting from these investigations.

I understand that any false or misleading information may disqualify me from consideration for the Acworth Business Association Scholarship.

I understand that, if awarded a scholarship, I will be required to submit proof of registration as a full-time, degree seeking student at a two- or four-year college or university in the United States for the Fall 2012 semester before any award payment will be made. Furthermore, I understand and accept that failure to be properly registered can lead to revocation of the full amount of the award.

If awarded a scholarship, and if mutually concurred, I agree to allow Acworth Business Association to use my name and picture in any newsletter, website, press release or other lawful media in recognition as a recipient of the scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

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2012 Letter of Support Instructions

To the Applicant: Please write your name in the space below, and provide a copy of these instructions to each person writing a letter of support. Remember to include each letter of support with your scholarship application. Application and required materials must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2012.

You are being asked to submit a letter of recommendation for _____ in support of his/her application for an Acworth Business Association Scholarship.

The Acworth Business Association Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior male who has demonstrated leadership in extracurricular and community service activities. Awards are made to graduating high school seniors who attend one of the following high schools in Cobb County: Allatoona, Kennesaw Mountain, North Cobb or North Cobb Christian. The individual must plan to attend a fully accredited two- or four-year college/university in the United States.

The Acworth Business Association "Outstanding Male Leader" Payne Scholarship will provide a \$300 award to help offset the cost of educational expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, housing, board or books. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2012.

The Acworth Business Association Scholarship Selection Committee values your observations and evaluation of the applicant's suitability for this award. In writing a letter of support, we ask that you address the following:

- ◆ How long and under what circumstances have you come to know the applicant?
- ◆ Describe the applicant's strengths and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the applicant's academic and athletic success.
- ◆ Discuss the applicant's potential for future success.
- ◆ Please provide any other comments about the applicant (motivation, initiative in pursuing goals, work responsibilities, community service, etc) that you feel would be helpful for the committee to know.

Your letter of support should be placed in a sealed and signed envelope. The letter should then be returned to the applicant for inclusion in the scholarship application.

The Scholarship Selection Committee recognized that you must be a trusted friend and ally of this student and thanks you for participating in this scholarship award process. The information you provide is for use by the Acworth Business Association Scholarship Selection Committee only and will remain confidential. The Committee may contact you if needed.