

The Murray & Emma Dixon Memorial Scholarship Application 2024

The Murray and Emma Dixon Memorial Scholarship was established in 2020 following the death of Murray L. Dixon, a former educator and community leader. The scholarship is funded by generous donations from individuals and organizations inspired by the Dixons' legacy of service and excellence. The Dixons were teachers in the Lafayette County School District and active East St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church members. Murray also served as a teacher, principal, and coach in the Water Valley School District for 23 years. The scholarship aims to support students from Lafayette and Yalobusha Counties pursuing college degrees in Education or STEM fields. Since its inception, the scholarship has awarded ten one-time grants to deserving students.

Annual scholarships are the Dixon family's way of honoring both of their parents for years to come.

Scholarship Description:

\$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors in the Water Valley, Lafayette County, and Oxford City Schools Districts, who are strongly considering majoring in Education or a STEM-related field.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Candidates must be graduating seniors of Water Valley High School, Oxford High School, and/or Lafayette High School.
- Candidates must have a minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (4.0 Scale)
- Candidates must be U.S. citizens.
- Candidates must be pursuing a two-year or four-year degree full-time.
- Candidates must attend or plan to attend an educational institution in the U.S.

Along with the application, applicants will be required to attach the following:

- 400-word essay that tells the selection committee information about yourself, your educational goals, and professional aspirations. Include what or who inspired you to major in Education or S.T.E.M. and how you plan to meet the demands and challenges of today and tomorrow using your degree. How will this award help you achieve your goals? How will your education be of value to the community, and why should you be considered for this award?

Application MUST be e-mailed to
thedixonmemorialscholarship@gmail.com
by **April 5, 2024.**

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Essay guidelines:

- two (2) pages typed.
- double-spaced,
- 12 pt. font,
- 1" margin
- Applicant must provide the application, high school official transcript, photo I.D., and proof of acceptance to a two-year or four-year institution of higher learning.
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation. One must be from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. The letter must be typed and signed. References must include a telephone number and email address.
- All information must be e-mailed to thedixonmemorialscholarship@gmail.com

Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.

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Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Phone Number(s):

High School Attending: _____

High School Phone Number: _____ High School Graduation Date: _____

Class Rank: _____

Current Grade: _____ GPA: _____

List any Extra-Curricular Activities:

Church / Community Service Involvement:

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List any honors and awards you have received:

List colleges/universities you have applied to:

College you are planning to attend: _____

Will you receive other financial assistance such as grants, scholarships, etc.?

Name and Signature of School Counselor: _____

Date: _____

Name and Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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