

ANDY AND SUZIE COOK, FAMILY HEALTHCARE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

APPLICATION INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The 2021 Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship is once again proud to be able to partner with Gadsden City High School and its students in awarding a \$1000 scholarship to two graduating GADSDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL seniors who have applied for, are deserving of, and have been chosen to receive these individual one-time \$1000.00 scholarships.

Founders, Andy and Suzie Cook, who have both attended college, raised a family, all while working many years in the field of senior healthcare (long term care, assisted and independent living) recognize that expenses related to various levels of post high school education, whether attending vocational college or a traditional two-year or a four-year college could be prohibitive to many. And the extra cost of getting additional education could eliminate many deserving students of having an opportunity to attend a college of choice unless a student is able to obtain some financial assistance to help with their future collegiate goals. We recognize that every graduating student won't qualify for much needed financial assistance, and with this in mind The Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship Fund was established; to assist graduating students who are seriously interested in pursuing a college degree, pursuing their dreams of a secure financial future, assist in the personal preparation for a secure future where your dreams and goals become your reality, but who might not otherwise qualify for other financial scholarships.

Our main goal with the Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship Fund (*scholarship*) is to assist students financially who might struggle with the costs of attending educational classes after high school, but otherwise have exemplary student records and studied hard meeting our suggested GPA requirements, as they enter the next educational chapter in their lives. Our scholarship committee will heavily (primarily) consider any student who has held a verifiable salaried job(s) outside of regular hours in high school. (attach letters of recommendation by their employers)

In addition, students who will be considered would have been involved in any of the many extra-curricular activities offered in high school, or possibly would have been involved outside of school with the many community opportunities available, either as a volunteer or employee. The scholarship committee will review graduating senior students who have submitted letters of recommendation from owners/supervisors where the student has volunteered *at any level* providing verifiable community assistance.

Academic qualifications:

Each applicant for consideration must present proof (*official school transcript) that they are a graduating senior in good standing at Gadsden City High School, and that they have recorded a minimum score of at least high school 2.5 GPA (on 4.0 scale), combined with a recorded overall ACT score of 18, or recorded SAT score of 900.

Each applicant must present proof on their selected college letterhead that they have been accepted into one of the following:(1) an accredited 4 year college, (2) an accredited junior college, or (3) an acceptable technical/trade college - to be considered for this scholarship. These minimum requirements must be attached to the completed scholarship application before the application can be considered.

Additional Rules for consideration for the Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship:
(scholarship)

- A brief essay must be attached to this application describing your reasons for applying for this scholarship, your future employment goals, why you want to go to college, your defined work ethic, reasons for working in high school (if employed), and how any time volunteered outside of school has impacted your goals. Also, briefly include how your time as a high school student has impacted your life and life goals.
- A current picture of the applicant must accompany the application.
- Since the Cook scholarship is given by a family who has a background in senior healthcare, any volunteer hours served in a healthcare setting, such as a nursing home, assisted living facility, or specialty care facility *could prove beneficial* (but not necessary for consideration) to any applicant. For consideration by the scholarship committee, validation of any hours volunteered, number of hours worked, and length of service (dates) to/in these facilities is required, submitted on business letterhead, and made a part of this application when submitted.
- Student resume. Brief listing of any extracurricular involvement, leadership experience in high school, or community service must be listed and signatures of said person(s), (teachers, employers, supervisors) responsible for your supervision must accompany the resume for each activity or service if applicable.
- Letters of recommendation required. The committee would request that LOR be included from at least 3 different resources; to include (a) one high school teacher (who is currently on staff), (b) Community, church pastor or Civic leader; and (c) letters of recommendation from an owner/supervisor where you have worked or volunteered while you were in high school, or someone who might have had an influence in your life's decision to attend college.
- An independent committee will decide the finalists, and the two recipients of the annual \$1000 scholarship will be notified either by phone, regular mail, or through the principal's office of Gadsden City High School no later than *early May* of the current school year. Any and all scholarships that are awarded by the fund, and any decisions made by the Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship committee are final and made at the sole discretion of the committee.
- Any financial award given by Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship (scholarship) could be made payable directly to the financial office of the college or technical college selected in the submitted application in the name of the student awarded the scholarship at the complete discretion of the fund.
- Students are solely responsible for any and all content submitted, and are responsible for providing accurate, verifiable and factual information to the committee for consideration. All recipients are responsible for submitting any additional information to the committee by the deadlines posted if requested.

- All completed applications must be submitted to the following address: POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15th every year. Applications not submitted with all requested documentation, or after the deadline of April 15th WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED OR RETURNED.

Cook Family Educational Scholarship
 Attention: Scholarship Committee
 294 Cherokee Road
 Gadsden, AL 35901

- Award recipients acknowledge and accept that any/all responsibility for any reporting of, Federal, state, or local taxes owed, or any fees attached to the scholarship by any authority, government or municipality is solely the recipients' responsibility and not the fund. Further, each award recipient acknowledges that any award by the "*scholarship*" might affect other financial aid, student assistance or income eligibility of that award winner, and further agree to fully indemnify the Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship (*scholarship*) and it's agents, benefactors, donors, committee members, or any other person affiliated with the scholarship awarded from any liability whatsoever.
- By participating in the award selection, the completing of the application (whether or not the scholarship was awarded to the applicant), and/or by redeeming the scholarship award, the applicant/student agrees to all these listed terms and conditions, and fully releases the Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship the scholarship benefactors, contributors, donors, committee members, and any other person affiliated with the scholarship award from any and all liability with respect to the application process and the award granting process.
- The award winner(s) agree that the Andy and Suzie Cook Family Educational Scholarship may use any award pictures, any photographs, names of winners, addresses, and any biographical information gathered through the application process at will, with no further compensation. ******* PLEASE SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND ATTACH TO THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ESSAY.**

_____, _____
 NAME DATE

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**ANDY AND SUZIE COOK FAMILY EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
 GADSDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL**

***please make sure the responses are legible for consideration

Full name: _____

Home address: _____

Phone number (good contact number): _____

Email address of student: _____

Current GPA: _____ (attach school transcript)

College attending: _____ (attach acceptance letters, showing their contact information, student ID number issued, etc)

PLEASE REVIEW THE ENTIRE APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR COMPLETENESS, AND REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING **REQUIRED INFORMATION:**

1. Evidence of ACT/SAT scores: (please attach scores, attestation letters)
2. Attach Essay with all pertinent requested information (or risk having application removed from consideration)
3. Attach applicant picture, any volunteer/after school work hours, and student resume
4. Three Letters of recommendation as requested from the various fields

****PLEASE ATTACH THE SIGNED APPLICATION INFORMATION DOCUMENT, ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION, AND THE COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION NO LATER THAN THE DEADLINE DATE LISTED. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR APPLICATION FROM ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION. NO APPLICATION OR CONTENTS WILL BE RETURNED ONCE SUBMITTED!**

