

John E. Tillman Memorial Scholarship

A high school senior pursuing a degree with the basis of Agriculture preferred

Description: This incentive scholarship is intended to assist a graduating senior who has exhibited potential for achievement that could be further developed with additional schooling. This senior should have shown exemplary character and persistence with completing their high school education. It can be used for either technical, vocational, trade school, or college experience.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must show financial need on their FAFSA information. Recommendations from two teachers and one community member are required and should support that the student has good character, is responsible, and the persistence to complete post-secondary education.

AWARD: Award is presented to student after evidence of enrollment and initial term registration at the school of their choice and may be used for any college related expenses.

Application Process: Interested Students Should

- Complete the ACHS Scholarship
- Provide two teacher recommendations and one community member recommendation that testifies to their exemplary character and persistence in completing their studies/work.
- Provide evidence of financial need for scholarship (FAFSA or family statement)
- Attach this application with all necessary materials and return them to the ACHS Guidance Office by March 31, 2023.
- **Please attach a separate page with an essay that describes your goals after graduation, and how further schooling will assist you with meeting them?**

Name of Student Applying: _____

Name of Schools/Colleges you have been accepted to:

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Mr. John Elbert Tillman was born October 22, 1930 in Surrency, Georgia. Mr. Tillman grew up in Appling County and attended Appling County Schools. After graduating from Surrency High School Mr. Tillman joined the United States Army and served during the Korean Conflict. He later attended South Georgia College in Douglas, Georgia.

On September 11, 1955 Mr. John married Dartha Ann Dixon and they raised 3 sons, John Allen, Anthony and Chris. Mr. John continued his career by becoming involved in his family's farming business. Mr. Tillman was a successful Timber farmer and also row crop farmer. Mr. Tillman and his family had a Timber Dealership, produced turpentine and grew tobacco and corn. They also raised cows and hogs.

In the late 1960's Mr. Tillman served as councilman and Mayor for the City of Surrency. Mr. Tillman was the first elected Republican to hold office in Appling County. He was elected as a County Commissioner for Appling County where he served for 22 years until his retirement.

Mr. John gave of his time and leadership skills by serving on numerous appointed positions. He served on the Appling County Hospital Board, the Appling County Development Authority, and also held several offices of the Appling County Republican Party.

Mr. John served on the Board of Directors of Baxley State Bank, Suntrust Bank, and Community Bank of Georgia.

In 1994, Mr. Tillman was a vital part of the organization of the Southeastern Gin. He served on the Gin's Board of Directors from the formation of the Gin until his death.

After many years of dedicated service, Mr. John Elbert Tillman passed away on February 19, 2016. It is evident by his years of service that Mr. Tillman loved his Country and Community and was committed to improving both.