



ESCAMBIA RIVER
Educational Fund, Inc.

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The Herman D. Johnson



2014 Scholarship Program

“An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.”

--Benjamin Franklin

Two scholarships of \$4,000 each

One scholarship per county: Escambia and Santa Rosa

Application Deadline: March 3, 2014

Scholarship Program Key Points

- **Escambia River Educational Fund, Inc.** is providing two 4-year scholarships of \$1,000 each per year. One scholarship will be provided to a student in each county EREC serves: Escambia and Santa Rosa. Scholarships will be awarded to local high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members in good standing of EREC. Children of EREC employees or board members are not eligible.
 - Scholarship recipients will be required to provide proof of enrollment before scholarships are released. Scholarship funds will be dispersed at \$500 per semester providing the student continues to meet scholarship criteria. To continue receiving scholarship funds each semester, the student must submit proof of continuing attendance and a GPA of at least 2.5. If a scholarship recipient's GPA falls below 2.5, the following semester is forfeited. If after the next semester their GPA is 2.5 or above, the recipient will continue to receive the remainder of their funds. Awarded scholarships with no activity for one year will be null and void thereafter.
 - Money is to be awarded for tuition/books and other expenses associated with education. If all school expenses are met, funds may continue to be requested on a regular basis with continuing proof of attendance.
 - The Judging Committee will consist of five members with no more than two of each of the following: minister, active/retired principal, guidance counselor, higher education professional, business professional, active/retired teacher, community leader. Each EREC trustee shall appoint one committee member in alternating years so that five committee members are appointed each year.
 - Primary Judging Criteria -- Financial need, quality of essay provided by student, participation in school/community activities, participation in cooperative programs and the quality of applicant's high school course load. Other judging criteria will include letters of reference and grade point average.
 - Application and essay deadline is March 3, 2014. All applications must either be postmarked or hand delivered to EREC's office by this date. The address for applications is EREC, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 428, Jay, FL 32565. Scholarship recipients will be selected by April 26, 2014.
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Application/Essay Requirements

Applicants must complete the following two-page application form, typed or printed in black ink.

Applicants must provide a minimum of three reference letters. Letters may be from school administrators, teachers, civic/business leaders, ministers or neighbors. Reference letters may not be submitted from relatives.

Applicants must complete this two-part essay question, "Why do you feel a college education is important and how will this scholarship benefit you?" Your essay must be a minimum of two typed, double-spaced pages and no longer than four pages. In addition to your essay, please provide a cover page with your name, address and telephone number. Do not place your name on any other page of the essay.

All applicants must provide a copy of their high school transcripts, SAT or ACT scores and class rank directly from their guidance counselor in a SEALED ENVELOPE.

Finalists for consideration of scholarships may be requested to provide additional information or appear for a personal interview as deemed necessary by the committee.

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THE HERMAN D. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM

Eligibility -- student must be a high school senior and parent or guardian must be an EREC member in good standing. Application and essay deadline: March 3, 2014. Scholarship recipients will be selected no later than April 26, 2014.

Type or complete in black ink.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Social Security Number _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Name _____

Parent(s) or Guardian's Account Number _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Name of High School _____

What is your desired field of study? _____

How did you find out about this scholarship program? _____

List extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, employment, etc.) in which you have been involved; include any offices held. If additional space is necessary, please attach a separate page.

List any involvement you have had in community or Escambia River Electric Cooperative programs.

Parental Financial Analysis

Father's Occupation: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Indicate range of parents' total income*: _____ below \$30,000 _____ \$30,001 - \$45,000

_____ \$45,001 - \$60,000 _____ \$60,001 - \$75,000 _____ \$75,001 - \$90,000 _____ \$90,001 or above

*Total income includes employment wages, trust fund, alimony, child support, and any other income received each month.

What percentage of parents' total income goes toward fixed expenses (mortgage, car payment, etc.)?

What is the number of dependent children living in your household? _____

What is the number of dependent children attending college during academic year 2014-2015 on a full time basis (excluding yourself)? _____

Does your family have medical coverage? _____ Dental coverage? _____

In good faith, do you expect to receive other scholarships or financial help with college expenses?
If so, please explain:

Application Checklist:

1. _____ Two-page application
2. _____ Three reference letters
3. _____ Essay
4. _____ High school transcripts*
5. _____ SAT or ACT scores*
6. _____ Class rank*

*These items are to be provided by your guidance counselor in a SEALED ENVELOPE.