

Blankenship/Justice Scholarship Fund

Rules for the Scholarship

Scholarship recipients are to be residents of one of the following Virginia counties: Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, or Wise, or the cities of Norton, Virginia or Bristol, Virginia.

Recipient requirements listed in an order of priority: (1) to be a child or dependant (including a spouse) of a coal miner; (2) a disabled coal miner seeking a degree; (3) a person seeking a degree in a field reasonable related to the promotion of a coal mine safety and health; and (4) a high school graduate or GED certified.

All applicants must provide:

- A completed Application.
- A current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) attached. The application must be completely filled out including a signature and date. FAFSA's are available at any college or university Financial Aid office, high school guidance counselor office, or on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Include the entire application, not just the confirmation page. The FAFSA can be completed regardless of whether Income Taxes have been filed.
- All candidates must provide an Official Transcript showing the prior semesters' grades and cumulative Grade Point Average.

The Scholarship Committee will accept completed applications until April 30 each year. Applications postmarked after the deadline date of April 30 will not be eligible for consideration. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Scholarships will be awarded in August for first semester and December for second semester.

The Scholarship Committee will determine the Scholarship award amount, and their decision is final. There is no appeals process.

The scholarship award amount will be paid to the College or University on behalf of the recipient. No payments will be made to the scholarship recipients directly.

Schools will receive one half (1/2) of the award for the fall semester of the academic year in which they applied and one half (1/2) of the award for the spring semester of the academic year with no exceptions.

All scholarships are for one academic year, based on the number of qualified applicants and at the full discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

Past selection of an award will not guarantee future awards.

All correspondence should be sent to

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