

# **THE ANNIE ESSEX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2021 PROGRAM**

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## *Press Release*

In loving memory of the late Annie Essex, her family and friends initiated the Annie Essex Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2005 to award scholarships to graduating seniors. Continued implementation of this program will enable us to keep Annie's legacy of service and generosity alive, as well as, promote, foster, and increase educational opportunities for students within the Perry County School System. She enjoyed a distinguished forty-four (44) year career as a classroom teacher, activity sponsor, and child nutrition director. Her acts of love, care, perseverance, and commitments to help others warranted this gesture of gratitude and homage.

The Annie Essex Memorial Scholarship Program seeks to recognize and assist students who have demonstrated good citizenship, strength in character, academic excellence, community service, and a commitment to pursue higher education.

For more information about this Scholarship Program and application details, contact one of Perry County's high school counselors (Mrs. Christine White-Bruno at Robert C. Hatch High, (334) 628-4061 or Mrs. Allison Taylor at Francis Marion High, (334) 683-6741) or Mrs. Mary Ella Perry at (334) 683-9509 or Mrs. Wilma Everette at (301) 456-7476.

The deadline for submitting applications is April 16, 2021.

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1185 Isaac Essex Road  
Marion, Alabama 36756

February 1, 2021

Dear Applicant,

This is a complete Application Packet for the Annie Essex Memorial 2021 Scholarship Program. Please note that the deadline date is **April 16, 2021**, for all materials.

To be considered for this scholarship program, please adhere to the following requirements:

1. You must complete, sign, and date the application.
2. You and your parent/guardian must complete, sign, and date both Secondary School Reports so that the counselor may release your information to us. The Secondary School Report – **For Counselor** and the Counselor's Form should be given to your counselor. The counselor will complete the Counselor's Form and mail it directly to the Scholarship Committee at the address below.

Attention: Scholarship Committee  
The Annie Essex Memorial 2021 Scholarship Program  
1185 Isaac Essex Road  
Marion, Alabama 36756

3. You must follow the guidelines provided for completing the essay.
4. You must request three persons who you know well, **but are not related to you**, to serve as references. Provide each reference source with both enclosed reference's sheets. It is suggested that you chose persons that you trust to complete and return the Reference Forms. Reference materials **from all three sources** must be received by the application deadline, **April 16, 2021**. (Please note that one of the three Reference Forms must be completed by a teacher currently teaching in the Perry County School System.) Request that your reference sources mail the Reference Forms directly to the above address.
5. You must mail the completed application form, the completed essay, and the signed Secondary School Report Form – **For Committee** to the Scholarship Committee at the above address.

All applicants will be notified by telephone and/or mail confirming receipt of application materials.

Thank you for expressing an interest in The Annie Essex Memorial 2021 Scholarship Program. Congratulations and best wishes for success and happiness in your future endeavors! Always be proud of your achievements, and use them to fulfill your dreams.

Yours truly,  
*WE*

The Annie Essex Memorial 2021 Scholarship Committee

# **THE ANNIE ESSEX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2021 PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND GUIDELINES**

“Great opportunities to help others seldom come,  
but small ones surround us every day.” *Sally Koch*

In loving memory of Annie Essex, her family and friends in 2006 began awarding scholarships to seniors in the Perry County School System. The scholarships were/are awarded from the Annie Essex Memorial Scholarship Fund which was initiated in November, 2005. Ms. Annie Essex's acts of love, giving, caring, and her commitments to help others were eminent in the decision that something had to be done to honor such a special individual. She enjoyed a distinguished forty-four (44) year career as a teacher, activity sponsor and child nutrition director in the Perry County School System. This Scholarship Program allows her concepts of generosity to become an on-going legacy benefiting future generations.

## **PURPOSE**

The Annie Essex Memorial Scholarship Program seeks to assist and recognize students who have demonstrated:

- ❖ Good citizenship
- ❖ Strength of character
- ❖ Academic excellence
- ❖ Community service
- ❖ A commitment to pursue higher education.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Criteria to be considered for the Annie Essex Memorial Scholarship are as follows:

- ❖ Presently enrolled as a full-time high school senior in the Perry County School System, progressing on schedule toward Spring 2021 graduation with plans to enter an institution of higher learning during the Fall 2021-Spring 2022 school term. (*An institution of higher learning means any schooling beyond high school, such as colleges, universities, technical and vocational schools.*)
- ❖ Involved in extra-curricular and community activities
- ❖ Passed the Alabama High School Graduation Examination
- ❖ **Maintained a 2.5** (or higher) cumulative high school grade point average [GPA] (Grades 9-12-end of first semester)
- ❖ Provided a completed application packet by the deadline, **April 16, 2021**.

Each eligible **APPLICATION PACKET** must include:

- ❖ All application forms completed
- ❖ A counselor's evaluation
- ❖ A completed essay on the topic provided
- ❖ Three reference letters/forms (including at least one reference from a teacher who is currently teaching in the Perry County School System).
- ❖ A clear wallet-size photo/picture attached to signed (**Committee**) Secondary School Report Form

## **DEADLINE**

All scholarship entries must be postmarked on or before the deadline,  
*April 16, 2021.*

To **APPLY**, you must complete the entire application packet and mail it to:

Attention: Scholarship Committee  
The Annie Essex Memorial 2021 Scholarship Program  
1185 Isaac Essex Road  
Marion, Alabama 36756

Application packets including picture(s) will NOT be returned.

#### **NOTIFICATION**

- ❖ Personal notification will be made to all applicants by telephone and/or mail confirming receipt of application materials.
- ❖ Recipients will be notified by **May 17, 2021**.
- ❖ Recipients may be announced during high school graduation.
- ❖ A newspaper article will be submitted to *The Marion Times Standard*, announcing the recipients of scholarships.

#### **AMOUNT AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

- ❖ At least two **\$1,000.00** scholarships will be awarded: one to Robert C. Hatch High School and one to Francis Marion High School, respectively.
- ❖ Each recipient will be awarded a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

Enrollment verification is required before funds will be sent to a recipient's chosen institution.

***Please note: Funds must be properly requested and sent to a recipient's chosen institution within nine months (no later than February 1, 2022) after high school graduation for the Fall of 2021 or Spring of 2022.***

For more information about the Scholarship Program and application details, contact one of Perry County's high school counselors {Mrs. Christine White-Bruno at Robert C. Hatch High (334.628.4061) or Mrs. Allison Taylor at Francis Marion High (334.683.6741)} or Mrs. Mary Ella Perry (334) 683-9509 or Wilma Everette (301) 456-7476.

# SCHOLARSHIP 2021 APPLICATION

## A. GENERAL INFORMATION

(To be completed by student)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please type or print. Last First MI
2. Date Entering College: Fall 2021  or Spring 2022
3. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip
4. Home Telephone Number: Area Code ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Gender: Male  Female  Date of Birth. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Parent's / Guardian's Complete Name: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you a Perry County resident? Yes  No

## B. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

1. Current High School:
- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
- Counselor's Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal's Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. List any other schools that you attended during the last 4 years. List in order of attendance.

Name of School	Location (City & State)	Dates of Attendance

3. Have you been suspended from school during the last four years? Yes  No

4. List any honors or awards you have received while in high school (Grades 9-12):

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_

**C. ACTIVITIES**

List activities in which you have participated in or outside your school during the past 4 years (such as academic, publication, sports, church, community clubs, government and civic).

Activity	Dates of participation	Office(s) held/Duties	Awards or recognition

List volunteer services and jobs you have held during the past 4 years.

Name of Organization or employer	Volunteer service(s) or job(s)	Dates of service(s)/job(s)	Special Awards

**D. Essay Requirements**

Write a 500–1000 word essay on the following topic:

“Education, Discipline, and Responsibility Are Means For Successfully Facing  
The Challenges of Today and Tomorrow.”

As a prospective high School graduate, why do you think education, discipline, and responsibility are means for successfully facing challenges of today and tomorrow, such as economic survival, peer pressure, crimes, decency, and respect for property, unemployment, leadership, literacy, self-sufficiency, and unity?

*(The essay must be personally completed by you/applicant. The essay should be typed, double-spaced, and submitted on plain white paper. Your essay will be evaluated on mechanics, usage, syntax, unity, organization, coherence, clarity, and your overall effectiveness and persuasiveness in the discussion of the subject: “Education, Discipline, and Responsibility Are Means for Successfully Facing The Challenges of Today and Tomorrow”, as the statement/topic of intent for discussion.)*

I certify that I completed this application and that all statements made are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. (I understand that a false statement could eliminate me for/from consideration for this scholarship program.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# **REFERENCE FORM**

**(MAKE THREE COPIES)**

- ❖ Three reference letters/forms (including at least one reference from a teacher who is currently teaching in the Perry County School System).

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C. Please rate applicant on the following character traits and qualities by circling the appropriate choices with four having the highest value:

CHARACTER TRAITS/QUALITIES–

Ambitious – Eager to achieve, self motivated	1	2	3	4
Versatility – Adapts to new situations, challenges, and new ideas	1	2	3	4
Concentration – Directs attention to the tasks at hand	1	2	3	4
Perseverance – Sticks to important tasks in spite of difficulties	1	2	3	4
Confident - Applies optimism and efforts to reach goals	1	2	3	4
Creativity – Seeks ways to improve or enhance	1	2	3	4
Companionability – Friendly and helpful to others	1	2	3	4
Cooperative – Works well with others for common good	1	2	3	4
Self-Control – Controls emotions, judgments, and actions	1	2	3	4
Trustworthy – Honest, dependable, and reliable	1	2	3	4
Organized – Meets deadlines and takes care of details	1	2	3	4
Thriftiness —Uses time, energy, and materials wisely	1	2	3	4

D. Additional comments

Reference’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Attention: Scholarship Committee  
 The Annie Essex Memorial 2021 Scholarship Program  
 1185 Isaac Essex Road  
 Marion, Alabama 36756

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## COUNSELOR'S FORM

(To be completed by Counselor)

(Please type or print.) The student named below is a candidate for the Annie Essex Memorial 2021 Scholarship Program. To process the application, we need his / her GPA plus a carefully considered character and ability assessment for the student. This information will be used only in connection with the selection of scholarship recipients and will be seen only by persons involved in the selection process.

**\*Please complete and return by the deadline (April 16, 2021) to the Scholarship Committee.**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please type or print) *Last* *First* *MI*

1. Are you confident that the student will receive a high school diploma during the current year?

Yes  No If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Student's current *high school cumulative* grade point average (on a 4 point scale). \_\_\_\_\_  
(Grades 9-12 – end of first semester)

3. Has student been suspended from school during the last four years? Yes  No

4. Did the student take advantage of the most challenging opportunities your school had to offered such as honor or AP courses? Yes  No

Please list program(s) utilized/enrolled. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:

Attention: Scholarship Committee  
The Annie Essex Memorial 2021 Scholarship Program  
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Marion, Alabama 36756

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT--For Counselor

*To be completed by applicant and filed in applicant's school record by the counselor*

Legal name of Student

*Please type or print*

*Last*

*First*

*MI*

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. A school must obtain signed authorization before it can release student information for use in this scholarship program.

Permission is hereby given to school officials to release school records and other requested information for consideration in the scholarship program named above.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT—For Committee

*To be completed by applicant and parent/guardian and returned with an attached clear wallet-size photo/picture in the application packet.*

Legal name of Student

*Please type or print*

*Last*

*First*

*MI*

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. A school must obtain signed authorization before it can release student information for use in this scholarship program.

Permission is hereby given to school officials to release school records and other requested information for consideration in the scholarship program named above.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach clear wallet-size photo/picture.

