



# *Austin - Prater Memorial Scholarship*

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Austin-Prater Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Anthony Austin and Bobby Prater. Their families established a memorial scholarship in 2016, to be awarded annually to a deserving high school senior from Bledsoe County, Tennessee. The applicant must be entering the field of study in agriculture, agronomy, veterinary medicine or the business of farming.

Both Anthony and Bobby realized that our children are the future. They both were not only parents, they were amazing fathers that worked hard all their lives, provided for their families, raised their children and instilled those same characteristics in them as they were taught growing up.

Anthony married Jeanette (Bobby's sister) on April 20, 1974. They raised five wonderful daughters together. While working full time, raising five daughters, and running their small farm, Anthony took time out of the day to also care for his elderly grandmother. He took the time to teach these girls the value of an education and taught them work ethics on how to be successful. He taught them by example how to be responsible, treat others how you want to be treated and how to be a valuable part of your community and family.

Bobby married Sandra (Cole) on November 3, 1972 and they raised two boys. They raised both boys with the same guiding principals. Hard work, getting a good education and determination to succeed while at the same time helping others to do the same were the building blocks of success in life and something that was instilled within their own families.

These 2 men raised 7 children who are making a difference in their communities and their families. They have also been examples for their children and now even grandchildren's lives.

There were no projects or issues that came up around their farms that these men could not solve. They were not only farmers, there seemed to be a little engineer, gardener, veterinarian in them as well, which I truly believe that in order to be a farmer, these other traits are just in the blood. Both Anthony and Bobby were both very active in the Bledsoe County Cattlemen's Association and were great friends with many of the local farmers in Bledsoe County. This scholarship is being established to keep their legacy alive.

The Austin-Prater Memorial Scholarship is funded by generous donations from the friends and family of Anthony and Bobby. The objective of the scholarship is to honor both Anthony and Bobby's dedication to agriculture, agronomy and the business of farming. Continued support of the scholarship comes from private donations from the family and friends of Anthony and Bobby.

Deserving high school seniors in Bledsoe County will have the opportunity to complete the application process. Qualified applicants must have a permanent address within Bledsoe County. Ranking of applicants will be based on the embodiment of Anthony and Bobby's beliefs in agriculture, autonomy and/or the farming community.

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is April 15 , 2018. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application place put N/A in the space.
4. Type of print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
5. If you have any questions about the application, please call Stacy Prater at 423-902-1552 or by email at [austinpraterscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:austinpraterscholarship@gmail.com)

The Austin-Prater Memorial Scholarship was established in 2016 following the sudden passing of both Anthony and Bobby. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolling for undergraduate study in community colleges, and universities.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** is based on financial need, academic performance, leadership potential, and participation in community volunteer hours.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Austin-Prater Memorial Scholarship awards the scholarship on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: academic accomplishments, community service, references, personal essay and financial need. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the college or university. The scholarship is awarded at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semester in the amount of \$500. The recipient would receive a total of \$1,000 per year up to a maximum of \$4,000 over a four-year period.

In order for the scholarship funds to be paid to the school, the recipient must mail proof of acceptance from the college / university showing current enrollment as well as the classes enrolled for the upcoming semester. This must be mailed to Austin Prater Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 8021, Chattanooga, TN 37414. At the end of each semester, the recipient must then mail an official transcript from the previous semester. The recipient must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 or greater in order to continue to receive the scholarship funds. If the GPA falls below 3.0, the recipient will forfeit the scholarship and will not be eligible for any additional funds. If you withdraw from school or change your major to something other than agriculture, agronomy or business of farming, you forfeit the scholarship at that time and no additional funds would be awarded.

The recipient must also provide any information needed to pay funds to the college university, including but not limited to; student ID number, SSN, address and phone number to bursar's office, etc.

**\*\* All transcripts and documents listed above must be received by the Austin Prater Scholarship Fund at least 3 weeks prior to the beginning of the semester in order for funds to be paid to the recipients account in a timely manner.**

## **CRITERIA**

1. Applicants must have permanent residence status in Bledsoe County, Tennessee, and must be a permanent resident of the United States.
2. Applicants must be completing or have completed high school successfully with a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicants must be accepted as a full time student at a college, university, or trade school program for the upcoming academic semester.
4. Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application postmarked by, April 15, 2018
5. Applicants must complete a minimum 500 word essay on **“Future / Life Goals”**

## **TIMELINE**

1. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2018. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:**

1. Completed application form
2. Official high school transcript in a sealed envelope from the institution.
3. Applicant photograph
4. Two letters of recommendation. Letters from family members are NOT eligible.
5. Proof of acceptance and enrollment from a college / university
6. A minimum of 500 word essay.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

1. The correct mailing address for the applicant.
2. Official awarding of scholarship will be announced during Class Night at Bledsoe County High School. Date of be announced.

**Deadline** for the application is **April 15, 2018**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

***2018 Application for Austin-Prater Memorial Scholarship - Must be filled out by applicant.***

PLEASE PRINT YOUR ANSWERS BELOW.  
IF APPLICATION IS ILLEGIBLE, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name & Address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) of parents of legal guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (On a 4.0 scale)

**Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official high school transcript required.**

ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ OR SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of your ACT or SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required.**

I will be attending the following college / university in the Fall of 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for your choice for this college / university: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a full time student? (minimum 12 hours) \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a commuting student? \_\_\_\_\_ Will you live on campus? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not living on campus, where will you be living? \_\_\_\_\_

College Major : \_\_\_\_\_

Degree / Certification to be earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of study / number of credit hours required: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you completed any work toward your degree / certification? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, how much: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your career goals? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this require additional study beyond the degree / certification listed above? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how much? \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How many other immediate family members will be enrolled in college / university education during the next school year? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Family Member Name</b>	<b>Relationship to Applicant</b>	<b>Name of School Attending</b>
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Have you applied for grants or scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you received any? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and, if you received any, give the amount of the award.

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Have you incurred any debt for previous educational expenses? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how much do you owe? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you anticipate paying for your first year of college / university?

Source of Funds	Amount
Student's Contribution	\$
Student Loans	\$
Scholarships / Grants	\$
Parents / Family Members	\$
Other Sources (specify)	\$

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Austin-Prater Memorial Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Austin-Prater Memorial Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as the scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment / registration at the college / university of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Application packet MUST be postmarked by April 15, 2018 and mailed to the Austin-Prater Memorial Scholarship Committee.**

**Mail to:  
Austin-Prater Scholarship Fund  
P.O. Box 8021  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37414**

*Thank you for your application.  
Your interest in continuing your education is encouraged by the families of Anthony Austin and Bobby Prater.*

*Please use this checklist to make sure all required documentation is completed and attached to the application prior to mailing.*

<b>COMPLETED APPLICATION CHECKLIST</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Documentation Required</b>	<b>Completed and Attached YES / NO</b>
1	Completed Application Form	
2	Official high school transcript in sealed envelope from school including ACT / SAT scores	
3	Applicant Photograph	
4	Two letters of recommendation. Letter from family members are NOT eligible.	
5	Proof of acceptance and enrollment to college / university for the Fall 2017 Semester.	
6	500 word essay on "Future / Life Goals"	