**The** **Hawkins Educational Foundation for Baldwin County**

**2018 Scholarship Application Instructions**

Raymond and Maxine Hawkins were residents of Baldwin County, Alabama, whose legacy was to provide educational opportunities for Baldwin County residents. The Hawkins’ desire was to help future generations by establishing the Hawkins Educational Foundation for Baldwin County to provide scholarships to students. It was hoped that the educational assistance provided by the Foundation would result in an enhanced quality of life for future generations of Baldwin County residents.

**Eligibility --** Applicants for a Hawkins Scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

* + - Be a resident of Baldwin County, Alabama for a least one (1) year prior to submission of an application.
		- Be a graduating high school senior who plans to attend and meets the minimum standards for admission to, or has been accepted for admission by, any accredited post-secondary educational institution (technical school, junior college, or four-year institution) as a full-time student, as defined by that institution.
		- Have a minimum overall high school GPA of 2.0.

**Selection --** Scholarship recipients shall be selected after due consideration of the following criteria:

* + - Prior academic achievement.
		- Leadership ability and community involvement.
		- Performance on either the SAT, ACT, or an equivalent standardized test designed to measure ability and aptitude.
		- Other relevant criteria, including financial need, deemed appropriate by the Hawkins Scholarship Committee.

In addition, finalists will be interviewed by the Hawkins Scholarship Committee. The Committee shall have absolute and sole discretion in selecting all Hawkins Scholarship recipients and alternate recipients. The continued eligibility of selected recipients and alternate recipients then shall be verified and, where appropriate, alternate recipients shall be substituted in the order recommended by the Committee. Hawkins Scholarships shall be awarded solely in the order recommended by the Committee.

**Awards --** Multiple Hawkins Scholarships will be awarded annually, ranging from $1000-$4,000 per academic year, depending upon availability of funds and financial need. Each scholarship is for one (1) academic year and is eligible for renewal for up to three (3) additional years. Hawkins Scholarships may be used to pay for applicants’ tuition, room/board, fees or other expenses at any post-secondary educational institution.

Scholarship recipients must remain enrolled as full-time students during the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded, and must provide official school transcripts to the Hawkins Foundation at the end of each semester. Recipients must have a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 or higher at the end of each semester to be eligible to renew Hawkins Scholarships each year. Recipients must apply for renewal of Hawkins Scholarships each year. Renewal applications must be submitted on-line at the end of school year.

**Application Package --** To be considered for the upcoming academic year, completed applications must be received by the Hawkins Scholarship Committee or “postmarked” no later than **February 1, 2018**. If the application is incomplete, it will not be considered. The application package must include the following:

* + - An official transcript affixed with school seal, current through the end of the first semester of your senior year, from your high school and any post-secondary educational institution attended. Please make sure that the transcript contains information about performance on either the SAT, ACT, or an equivalent standardized test designed to measure ability and aptitude.
		- A one page, double spaced, typed essay that answers one of two questions noted on the application.
		- Two (2) one-page signed letters of recommendation. One letter **must** be from a teacher, administrator, or

 counselor at your school. One letter **must** be from a community leader or employer.

 No family member may submit a letter of recommendation.