

CHEROKEE AREA COUNCIL

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EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP — GUIDELINES & CHARTER

Official Governing Document for the Cherokee Area Council Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund

Established: 2026 · Fund: \$2,000 · Cycle: Annual · Administered by: VP of Alumni, Cherokee Area Council

ARTICLE I — PURPOSE

The Cherokee Area Council Eagle Scout Scholarship ("the Scholarship") was established to honor the dedication, leadership, and community service demonstrated by Eagle Scouts within the Cherokee Area Council. The Scholarship provides financial assistance to qualifying recipients pursuing post-secondary education or vocational training, recognizing that the values instilled through Scouting — trustworthiness, service, and perseverance — are the same values that lead to lifelong success.

ARTICLE II — FUND SUMMARY

| Total Fund | Award per Recipient | Recipients per Cycle |
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| \$2,000 | \$1,000 | 2 |

The Scholarship fund originates from the Cherokee Area Council alumni fundraiser. The Selection Committee shall determine the number and amount of awards each cycle based on available funds and the quality of the applicant pool. Awards shall not exceed the total funds available in the current cycle. Unused funds shall carry over to the following cycle.

ARTICLE III — ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria at the time of application:

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| Eagle Scout rank | Applicant must hold the rank of Eagle Scout, verified by BSA records or official Eagle Scout certificate. |
| Age | Applicants must be at least 18 years of age by the application deadline or be enrolled in school during the same calendar year they apply. |
| Council membership | Applicant must have earned their Eagle Scout rank within the Cherokee Area Council district, or currently reside within the Cherokee Area Council geographic service area (primarily the greater Chattanooga, Tennessee region). |
| Enrollment status | Applicant must be enrolled in, or accepted to, an accredited college, university, community college, trade school, or vocational training program. |
| Academic standing | Applicant must be in good academic standing (minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent). |

Prior recipients

A prior recipient may re-apply in subsequent years, but priority will be given to first-time applicants when the applicant pool is competitive.

ARTICLE IV — APPROVED USES OF FUNDS

Scholarship funds are intended for direct educational expenses. The following uses are approved:

Tuition and fees

Tuition, enrollment fees, lab fees, and mandatory institutional charges at an accredited school.

Books and course materials

Required textbooks, workbooks, digital course materials, and academic software.

Trade and vocational training costs

Program fees, certification exam fees, required tools, and equipment for accredited vocational or trade programs.

Housing and transportation (partial)

On-campus housing or commuter transportation costs directly tied to enrollment, up to 50% of the award.

Not permitted: Funds may not be used for personal expenses unrelated to education, student loan repayment, personal travel, or entertainment.

ARTICLE V — APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

1 Application window opens

Applications are accepted annually beginning January 1. The deadline for submission is June 30 of each year.

2 Submission of required materials

Applicants must submit the completed application form, proof of Eagle Scout rank, proof of enrollment or acceptance, a personal essay, and two letters of recommendation.

3 Committee review

The Selection Committee reviews all complete applications using the standardized scoring rubric. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

4 Recipient notification

Recipients are notified by July 31. All applicants receive written notification of the outcome.

5 Disbursement

Funds are disbursed directly to the recipient's educational institution. Disbursement occurs by August 10.

ARTICLE VI — SELECTION COMMITTEE & GOVERNANCE

The Selection Committee shall consist of at least three members appointed by the Vice President of Alumni of the Cherokee Area Council. Members should include at least one Eagle Scout alumnus, one current or former council leader, and one community representative. No member of the Selection Committee may have a familial relationship with any active applicant.

Decisions of the Selection Committee are final. The Committee's deliberations are confidential. The VP of Alumni serves as Committee Chair and holds a tiebreaking vote.

ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS

These guidelines may be amended by a majority vote of the Cherokee Area Council Alumni Committee. Any amendment takes effect at the start of the next application cycle. This document supersedes all prior informal scholarship guidelines.

S I G N A T U R E S & A D O P T I O N

Vice President of Alumni, Cherokee Area Council

Council Scout Executive or Designee

Selection Committee Chair

Date of Adoption

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