



## JASON T. DICKERSON FAMILY FOUNDATION

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ The Jason T. Dickerson Family Foundation will award one \$5,000 scholarship to a Class of 2020 graduating senior currently attending **Cherokee High School**.
- ❖ Applicants must be planning to attend a two- or four-year accredited college, university, trade school, or technical college located in the State of Georgia.
- ❖ Eligible applicants must be pursuing a degree in a field of study limited to Agriculture, Veterinary Medicine, Theology/Religion or Education.
- ❖ Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.0
- ❖ Funds will be given from JTDFD directly to the attending college and will be deposited into the account for the scholarship recipient. The payment will be split into (2) payments of \$2,500 – first payment will be for the fall 2020 semester and the second payment will be for the spring 2021 semester. Student information will be provided through the Cherokee County School District.
- ❖ JTDFD reserves the right to conduct an interview with the recipient either before, during, or up to (1) year after the scholarship period.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Students interested in pursuing this scholarship must complete this application and return it to the address listed below.

EMAIL: [anne.reed@cherokeek12.net](mailto:anne.reed@cherokeek12.net)

MAIL: Cherokee County School District  
Office of Communications  
Attn: Scholarships  
P.O. Box 769  
Canton, GA 30169

Each applicant must have **three references** complete the attached Confidential Reference Form. References may only include **one teacher**, the others **must** be work or extra-curricular activity related.

**Completed applications must be RECEIVED by the Cherokee County School District Office of Communications by the close of business on April 24, 2020.**

A committee of representatives from The Jason T. Dickerson Family Foundation will review all applications and make the award selection.

The Cherokee County School Board and representatives from The Jason T. Dickerson Family Foundation will recognize the student chosen to receive the scholarship at the **May 21, 2020 School Board meeting**.



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**Scholarship Application**  
**2019 – 2020 School Year**

Name:

Address:

Home Phone:  Alt. Phone:

Email:  Date of Birth:

Which High School do you attend?

Do you qualify for free/reduced lunch: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list up to three postsecondary institutions you want to attend and if you have been accepted.

1.

2.

3.

What do you expect will be your declared major?

Please describe yourself, **in 25 words or less.**

Tell the committee, **in 50 words or less**, why you should be awarded this scholarship rather than another qualified student. Please do not tell the committee that you need the money...everybody needs money for college!



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Please tell the committee about your extra-curricular activities, community service activities and/or work experience. To what extent have you participated in these activities (what role you served, how many hours, accomplishments, etc.), length of time participated and what have you gained from these experiences that you feel will be of most benefit to you in both your career path and your personal growth? Feel free to attach **one** additional page, if needed.

By signing this application, you are certifying that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of your knowledge, as of this date. Additionally, you agree to allow your academic transcript, grade point average and program of study information to be shared with sponsor with permission to use your name and likeness for promotional purposes associated with this scholarship competition. Please be aware, this is a competitive process and not all applicants will receive a scholarship award and no guarantees in that regard are stated or implied. Funds awarded through this process are to be used for postsecondary education-related expenses only. Any and all tax liabilities associated with this award are the sole responsibility of the recipient.

Student Signature

03/2020

Parent Signature *(if applicant is not 18yrs. old)*



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## **Scholarship Application Checklist**

The following checklist is for your use only to assure a complete scholarship application and should *not* be sent with your application. Please check off each item as it is completed...

- ☐ **Form is complete and accurate.** Please use your full legal name, complete address (including P.O. Box, apartment number, etc.) to avoid confusion when matching references with scholarship application.
- ☐ **An alternate phone number (cell, work, etc.) is included.**
- ☐ **All inquiries within the application are answered completely, honestly and within the parameters set forth.** Some questions require multiple responses within tight restraints in an effort to force applicants to be concise yet forthright.
- ☐ **Reference forms have been completed and submitted to the appropriate persons for completion.** Contact your references early and provide them with ample time to complete and return the form. ***Please be aware, the committee will not act as the intermediary between you and your references...that job is yours and yours alone!*** Please follow-up with each reference regularly until such time as all forms have been submitted.
- ☐ **The forms are legible.** Handwritten copies are accepted, however an electronic (Word document) version of the application and Reference Form are attached, so you may type directly onto the form and email or print the final versions. Please direct any issues or questions with the documents to Anne Reed ([anne.reed@cherokeek12.net](mailto:anne.reed@cherokeek12.net)).
- ☐ **Application and Reference forms are to be submitted to the Office of Communications on or before April 24, 2020.** Applications that are incomplete, illegible, late or that otherwise do not follow directions may not be considered.

**Applications must be scanned and emailed or mailed to the following address:**

**EMAIL:**  
**[anne.reed@cherokeek12.net](mailto:anne.reed@cherokeek12.net)**

**MAIL:**  
**Cherokee County School District**  
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## Scholarship Application Timeline

The following is a brief timeline of the scholarship application and decision-making process, for your information only. Please be aware that unforeseen events may alter this timeline, but every effort will be made to assure timely notification.

<b>March 2020</b>	Application and reference forms sent to Cherokee High School for distribution to counselors, teachers and students. Notices sent to local media.
<b>Mar. – Apr. 24</b>	Students complete scholarship application and reference forms. <i>Applications matched with appropriate reference forms. If an application is missing one or more reference forms, the student is contacted and provided an opportunity to contact the reference(s).</i>
<b>April 24, 2020</b>	<b><u>Application deadline!</u></b> <i>Applications are forwarded to the selection committee meeting.</i>
<b>May 4 , 2020</b>	<b>The winner will be notified on or before this date.</b>
<b>May 21, 2020</b>	Winner will be recognized at the scheduled Cherokee County School Board Meeting.
<b>June 30, 2020</b>	On or before this date Cherokee County School District will coordinate funds transfer with the student.



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**CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM**

Reference Name

Student's Name

Please supply the requested information. I consent to the release of all reference information and specifically release you from all liability arising from your giving the requested information about me. I waive all rights that I may have to examine this reference information.

Applicant's Signature

Parent's Signature (if student is under 18yrs of age)

The above applicant has listed you as a reference. This reference form will be reviewed by scholarship committee members to assist in determining the recipient of certain scholarship funds. The reference is confidential and will not be shared with applicant. Please return by **April 24, 2020**:

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Professional Traits	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Not Observed
General Attitude					
Attendance/Punctuality					
Language/Communication Skills					
Dependability/Reliability					
Self-Control					
Ability to Work with Others					
Ability to Accept Criticism					

**PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. What is your relationship with the applicant?

☐ Teacher/Administrator

☐ Supervisor/Co-worker

☐ Coach/Sponsor

☐ Other

2. How long have you known the applicant?

to

(Month/Year)

(Month/Year)

3. Do you recommend this person receive scholarship funds over other eligible applicants?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. May we call for additional information?

☐ Yes

Phone Number

☐ No

5. Additional Comments:

Reference's Name (printed)

Reference's Signature