



2024 Youth Scholarship Criteria

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Etowah Water & Sewer Authority (the Authority) awards three (3) separate \$1,000.00 scholarships and one (1) \$2,000.00 scholarship. Scholarships are awarded as follows:

- Two scholarships - \$1,000.00 each will be awarded to college bound applicants
- One scholarship - \$1,000.00 will be awarded to a technical bound applicant
- One scholarship - \$2,000.00 will be awarded to the STAR Student (the Star Student is selected by Dawson County High School based on the student with the highest cumulative SAT score) Etowah Water & Sewer Authority is not responsible for selecting this student nor does the Authority have any interest in how the student is selected

*Note if the Authority does not receive applications for a particular category as listed above the Authority reserves the right to give the scholarship to an applicant in another category.

Example: The Authority receives an application from the Star Student, 15 applications from college bound students, and zero applications from a technical bound students. The Authority may choose to give three \$1,000.00 scholarships to college bound students. Instead of 2 as listed above.

Scholarship funds will be allowed to be spent on tuition, books, and required supplies purchased at the college or university.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, a **student's permanent residence** must be an active account served by Etowah Water & Sewer Authority and they must be a senior at a public or private school, or home schooled at a residence served by Etowah Water & Sewer Authority.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please Include the following:

- School activities
- Community activities or involvement
- Work activities if you are employed
- Transcripts
- Copy of your driver's license
- Copy of your Etowah Water & Sewer Authority bill
- Two letters of recommendation – One recommendation must be from a teacher, advisor, or club leader (teacher who is in charge of a club you are involved in). One recommendation must be from someone outside the school (for example pastor at your church, longtime family friend, employer, or mentor)
- Essay about yourself
- Essay – How will environmental issues affect your decision when voting for the 2024 President of the United States?

Note: The essays are a necessary part of the entry. Applications that do not include an essay will be voided.

Judges panel will consist of three (3) retired educators. Judges decisions are final.

The finalists may be asked to come to Etowah Water & Sewer Authority for a short personal interview.

Payment of the scholarship shall be made in the form of a check co-payable to recipient and school. In the event a student is not sure of the school, a check will be issued once a decision is made.

The scholarship must be used at an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school.

If you are chosen as a recipient of a scholarship, by accepting you agree to have your picture published on social media and/or local newspapers.

By signing the application, you agree that everything is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All scholarship applications and required material must be received by **4:30 pm on Friday, March 22, 2024**. Applications and/or information received after this time will not be considered.

Please mail completed application packets to:
Etowah Water & Sewer Authority
Attn: Sophia Dearwent
1162 Hwy. 53 East
Dawsonville, GA 30534

Recipients will be awarded the scholarship at the Honors Assembly in May.

INELIGIBILITY

Family members of Etowah employees and Etowah Board of Directors are ineligible.

For more information, contact Sophia Dearwent at 706-216-8474 ext. 234.



2024 Youth Scholarship Checklist

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This checklist does not have to be returned when submitting your application. It is for your benefit only.

- Youth Scholarship Application- **COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY**
- Essay One – “About me”. Describe yourself in a typed, 2 page minimum, double-spaced essay.
- Essay Two – How will environmental issues affect your decision when voting for the 2024 President of the United States?
- All requested documents included with application
- Transcripts (can be copies)
- Two Recommendations
 - One from a teacher or administrator
 - One from other source outside of school
- Acceptance letter (if available) from college, university, or technical college
- Copy of your driver’s license
- Place all documents in a folder or manila envelope and mail or deliver complete application to:

Please check this checklist thoroughly before submitting to ensure your entire application packet is complete.

**Etowah Water & Sewer Authority
Attn: Sophia Dearwent
1162 Hwy. 53 East
Dawsonville, GA 30534**

All applications must be received by Etowah Water & Sewer Authority no later than **4:30pm on Friday, March 22, 2024**. Since our lobby is closed, you may place envelopes in the drop box on our building or the drop box in the parking lot.

Please direct any questions to Sophia Dearwent at 706-216-8474 ext. 234 or email at sdearwent@etowahwaterga.gov.



2024 Youth Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's name: _____

Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Account Number: _____

This can be found on your water bill or you can contact Sophia Dearwent for this information

Please indicate best method to contact student: _____

What type of college do you plan to attend?

College or University

Technical Career College

Please list the names of all colleges and or universities to which you have applied: _____

ESSAYS – A minimum of two pages, double spaced, approximately 500 words on each essay.

ESSAY 1 - Write an autobiographical "About Me" essay. Include information about you, your family, extracurricular activities, hobbies, and career goals, how you intend to achieve them and why you believe those goals are important and will make a difference in today's society.

ESSAY 2 – How will environmental issues affect your decision when voting for the 2024 President of the United States?

***NOTE Applications that do not meet the minimum length requirements will be voided.**

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND POTENTIAL

High School Grade Point Average (GPA) your counselor will be able to help you with this information if you do not know. _____

S.A.T or A.C.T scores please list by section not total score

S.A.T. Scores:

Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

OR

A.C.T Scores:

English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Writing _____

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation are required (please send the recommendations in with your application and DO NOT mail in separately)

- One letter must be from a teacher, school administrator, counselor, or teacher who was the director or leader of a school related club you are involved in
- The second letter must come from outside of the school. Examples include: pastor, church leader, coach of a team or activity you are involved in, a mentor, a long term family friend, an employer or supervisor. Anyone who you know well and can ask to write about your character, etc.

A copy of your high school transcripts are required – Please include in your application package. Do not mail separately

List any scholarships or financial awards you have received or been awarded:

College or technical school to which you have been accepted (please attach acceptance letter or other confirmation of admission if you have received one): Scholarship winners may edit later if needed

University Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address of Admissions Office: _____

Date you plan to enter College/ University/ Technical School: _____

***All decisions of the scholarship judges are final**