



Trent Stephens Harper Scholarships

HR Butler Community Foundation Inc

HR Butler Community Foundation Inc Trent Stephens Harper Scholarships are for middle and high school students who are in pursuit of their education and those students who are graduating and need assistance.

In partnership with the Gay and Harper Families of Georgia, we are thrilled to announce the Trent Stephens Harper Scholarship (TSHS) and the Alkebulan Scholarship. The TSHS and the Alkebulan Scholarships were established in 2018 to honor the memory of a beloved son, brother, nephew and grandson of the Gay and Harper Families. Trent was a young man that was an avid reader, great servant to elders and who planned to travel to Africa in pursuit of connection and education. As a result of his

studies on the origins of the continent, Trent added Alkebulan to his name in homage and reverence “to the ones before.” His family found it only fitting to establish two scholarships in his name to support students in Middle or High School in Georgia. And we are honored they we have chosen to partner with HR Butler Community Foundation Inc. The TSHS and Alkebulan Scholarship will be awarded to up to two students annually to include tuition and costs of books. Because Trent was a compassionate and giving young man, his family has committed to not only support students in good academic standing but would also like to provide opportunities to students that may have faced challenges and/or adversity and seeking a second chance to pursue their education. Both scholarships will be based on the requirements and the criterion listed below.

CRITERION:

- The applicant must be a Georgia Resident.
- The applicant must be enrolled in a Middle or High School in Georgia.
- The applicant shall provide proof of enrollment. (Example: copy of class schedule, copy of acceptance letter or official transcript)
- The applicant seeking the TSHS must have an academic ranking of a B grade-point average or the equivalent.
- The applicant seeking the Alkebulan Scholarship may currently be falling below our required academic ranking but must provide two letters of recommendation from non-family members for example, (school principal, counselors, teacher, clergy, etc.) to be considered. They will be placed under academic probation for one term. Failure to demonstrate improvement and demonstrated commitment may mean removal from the program.
- The applicant must have a cheerful outlook and excellent attendance.
- The applicant needs to show proof of positive community services.
- The applicant must submit a written essay and video statement of intent.

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ (Last)
(First Middle)

HOME ADDRESS: _____

(City)

(State)

CELL NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) CONTACT INFORMATION:

CURRENT SCHOOL, TEACHER'S NAME, GRADE LEVEL:

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REQUIREMENTS:

1. Write a five-paragraph, three hundred words essay on:

- I. Why I deserve this scholarship...
- II. How will this scholarship help my pursuit for education...
- III. How do I intend to use my education to make a positive difference in the community or world...
- IV. How will I honor the elders or ancestors with my education and service...

2. Essays will be graded according to content; correct usage of grammar and proper spelling, with greatest weight on content. Limit your essay to no more than five paragraphs. Essays not meeting the requirements will not be considered. Applicants should remember that content, grammar, and spelling are graded areas - not the length of the essay. Diligence is particularly important and could be a determining factor.

3. Attach a cover page with your name, photo, and other relevant information you wish to include.

4. A video statement must be submitted in addition to the written essay, not instead of the written essay. The video statement should clearly convey the applicants' personal interests, commitment to service and intent to use the scholarship. Videos should be no longer than 3 minutes in length.

5. You must complete the application and submit it along with your written and video essays as described above to:

HR Butler Community Foundation Inc % Dr. William Gay

330 Auburn Ave NE

Atlanta, GA 30303

6. All applicants must complete the scholarship application and adhere to the deadline. The 2024 applications are due to Dr. William Gay by no later February 15th of 2024.