**John M. Simmons Educational Scholarship**

John M. Simmons believed in pursuing your dreams, setting goals and working hard for professional success. Education beyond high school provides a foundation needed for today’s world. John was a man of integrity and service in our community and for this reason his family established this educational scholarship in his memory.

Annually up to $20,000 in scholarships will be awarded to seniors of Bainbridge High School (Bainbridge, GA), Grace Christian Academy (Bainbridge, GA), Robert F. Munroe High School (Quincy, FL), Maclay School (Tallahassee, FL), Chiles High School (Tallahassee, FL) and Brookwood School (Thomasville, GA). All applicants must have a *minimum* high school GPA of 2.75, must reside in the United States, and be enrolled or intend to enroll in a post-secondary college, technical college or university in the United States.

This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of Academics, Financial Need, Extra Curricular Activities/Community Service, and Work Ethic Traits.

Applications must be received by April 1, 2020. Mail your completed application and supporting documentation to:

**Burke, Worsham, and Harrell**

**600 West Shotwell Street**

**Bainbridge, Georgia 39819**

**Check List for Application Packet**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Application Completed and Signed
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Signed Copy of Transcript
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of ACT or SAT score
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of College Acceptance Letter
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Two Letters of Recommendation. Sealed envelope should have student’s name and high school’s name on outside.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Typed paper with the two specified questions and answers.

**John Middleton Simmons**

**Educational Scholarship Application**

1. **Getting to Know You**
2. Full Name
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Home Address

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code

4. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address

5. Name of Parents or Guardian

Address of Parents or Guardian

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code

1. **Academics**

6**.** High School Accumulative GPA (a signed copy of transcript must be attached)

GPA\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ School

7. SAT or ACT score

(copy of score must be attached)

8. Name the University, College, or Technical School to be attended and the your planned major. (Copy of acceptance letter must be attached)

School Name

Major

1. **Financial Need**

9. Explain your need for financial assistance. Any information relative to financial status will be kept in the strictest of confidence by the scholarship committee. (100-word count max)

Please check the correct blank for combined income of parents.

$0 to 50,000 \_\_\_\_

$50,000 to $100,000 \_\_\_\_

$100,000 to $200,000 \_\_\_\_

$200,000 or above \_\_\_\_

College Tuition cost $

State Scholarship $ (Hope or Bright Futures)

Other Scholarship $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Achievements in High School, Activities, and Community**

(If more space is needed, please type on separate paper and label as on application)

11. List honors or recognition received in school and/ or the community

12. Summarize your interests, hobbies, sports and activities. Please include leadership roles or offices held.

1. School

1. Community

1. **Questions**

Answer each question below (#13 and #14) honestly, concisely, and with specific examples. Type the question number, the question, and answer for each on a separate sheet then attach to application packet.

13. Describe a situation(s) in which your attitude positively and negatively affected yourself and others.

(100 word count max)

14. “Grit” is defined as your passion and perseverance for long-term goals. If the power of “grit” can help you achieve your potential, in your experience how have you used “grit” in a situation. (-school, extracurricular, personal or work) And how will you use your passion and perseverance in college? Use specific examples. (200-300 word count max)

**VI. Signature**

Signature of Applicant

Dated

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**Recommendation Letter Guidelines**

1. Choose two people who know you well and who are well respected.
2. When asking for a recommendation letter, it is good to let the writer know the name of scholarship and what the scholarship is about. This scholarship will be awarded on the basis of Academics, Financial Need, Extra Curricular Activities/Community Service, and Work Ethic Traits.
3. Give the person writing the letter of recommendation several weeks to write. Everyone has a busy schedule.
4. Request your recommendation letters to be completed a week prior to the time you plan on turning in the entire application packet. Giving extra time for the “unexpected” is always beneficial to your timeline and the person writing the letter.
5. The letter should be given to you in sealed envelope with your name and high school’s name on it.