



SOUTHSIDE OPPORTUNITY FUND APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Deadline: March 26, 2021

STEP 1: Complete the Southside Opportunity Fund Application. Failure to provide the requested information may result in disqualification. Submit the application and all supporting documents electronically by email to memberandpublicrelations@sec.coop no later than March 26, 2021.

STEP 2: Compile all the documents listed below. Attach documents as PDF files to email along with completed application. If you are mailing, do not staple, paper clip, insert into binders or fold. Do not send any of these documents separately, except where noted. Seal all documents in one envelope in the following sequence (from front to back):

1. Copy of most recent SEC electric bill.
2. Personal Statement. It must be a one-page, typed and double-spaced document with your full name in the upper right-hand corner. The Southside Opportunity Fund Board will score the statements based on the following: how compelling your statement is about why you should be selected to receive a scholarship, your financial need, your involvement in school and community activities, your family dynamics, and how well you follow directions. Points will be deducted if you include a resume, profile of extracurricular activities, certificates or other personal records.
3. Copy of preliminary high or home school transcript.
4. Copy of Standardized Test Scores (SAT and/or ACT).
5. Recommendation letter written by someone not related to applicant.
6. Submit a current head shot photo

If not submitting by email, mail the envelope containing the required documents to:

Southside Opportunity Fund
P.O. Box 7
Crewe, VA 23930

Postmarked no later than midnight on March 26, 2021 or hand-delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2021.

Within 120 days of the deadline, award notifications are emailed to applicants who have been selected to receive a scholarship. **If chosen, you will be required to provide your college student ID#, your acceptance letter from the college or technical/trade school, and the name and mailing address of the department (Financial Aid, Registrar's Office, etc.) that should receive your scholarship check. Funds will not be dispersed until this information is received.**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Southside Opportunity Fund awards \$1,000 scholarships annually to high school students across our 18-county service territory. A combination of weighted criteria is used in the selection process: 45% financial need, 45% academic achievement and 10% personal statement. Funds must be applied towards tuition, student fees, room and board or textbooks.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicant's primary residence must receive its electric power from Southside Electric Cooperative.
2. Applicant must be a high or home school senior graduating in 2021.
3. Applicant must be entering his or her first semester at a college or technical/trade school in the fall of 2021. Proof of admission will be required if selected to receive a scholarship.

Parent/Guardian's SEC Account Number _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Area Code and Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Parent/Legal Guardian First Name 1 _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Last Name 1 _____

Parent/Legal Guardian First Name 2 _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Last Name 2 _____

Primary Residence Address _____

Primary Residence City _____

Primary Residence Zip code _____

Most current IRS Tax Form filed by parent/legal guardian _____

1040 1040A 1040EZ No return filed

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) reported by parent/legal guardian on their most current tax return _____

Enter a whole number, no \$ signs (ex: 10000). AGI is located on: Line 37/Form 1040, Line 21/Form 1040A or Line 4/Form 1040EZ.

Number of dependents claimed on their most current tax return _____

Under exceptions on form 1040/1040A, add number of dependents on line 6c; on form 1040EZ, use number on line 6.

Name of High/Home School _____

High/Home School Address _____

High/Home School City/State/Zip _____

Name of Guidance Counselor _____

Guidance Counselor E-mail _____

Guidance Counselor Phone Number _____

Weight Cumulative GPA (on 4.0 standard scale) _____

SAT Score _____

Use your highest score in critical reading (CR), math (M) & writing (W). Enter 0, if you did not take the SAT.

ACT Composite Score _____

Enter 0, if you did not take the ACT.

In the fall semester, I plan to attend: _____

You may leave this blank, if you are undecided or have not been accepted yet.

Major _____

Enter undeclared, if you are undecided.

Please list extracurricular school activities, including any offices held:

Please list any community activities in which you participate:
