

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF
GREATER CHATTANOOGA

January 28, 2016

Dear Gordon Lee High Senior Class Counselor:

My name is Rebecca Suttles and I am the Director of Scholarships at the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, Inc. The Community Foundation administers about 50 different college scholarship opportunities for graduating high school seniors primarily in Hamilton County, TN, but we also administer a few scholarships that reach outside our traditional serving area.

For the past two years, we have been able to offer eligible graduating high school seniors in Hamilton County, TN and the following north Georgia high schools: Chattooga, Dade County, Gordon Lee, Heritage, Lafayette, Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, Ridgeland, Ringgold and Trion, the opportunity to apply for the **Chattanooga Coca-Cola Centennial Scholarship**. It is a renewable four year scholarship and the award amount ranges from \$500-\$1,000 per academic year.

Enclosed you will find my business card as well as hard copies of the application. Please feel free to make additional copies and it are also available online on our website (www.cfgc.org).

Below is a brief overview of the process:

The deadline is **Friday, March 25, 2016**

April: Applications will be reviewed by the Chattanooga Coca-Cola Scholarship Selection Committee

Students will be sent letters inviting him/her in for an interview

Late April: Interviews are held at the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, Inc.


Early May: Decisions are made and letters go out to the new recipients

Late May: A mandatory orientation is held for the recipient(s) of the scholarship

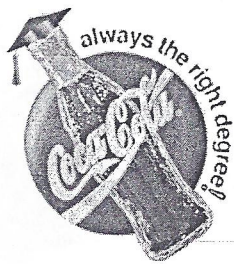
Please do not hesitate to contact me via email rsuttles@cfgc.org or at 423-265-0586 x11, if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,


Rebecca Suttles, Director of Scholarships
Enclosed (applications and business card)





Chattanooga Coca-Cola Centennial Scholarship

a fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, Inc.

Information and Application

CHATTANOOGA COCA-COLA CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In celebration of Chattanooga Coca-Cola's 100th Birthday, the Coca-Cola Centennial Scholarship fund was established in March 1999. According to the terms of the scholarship, preference will be given to a graduating high school senior from Chattanooga, TN as well as the following north Georgia high schools: Chattooga, Dade County, Gordon Lee, Heritage, Lafayette, Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe, Ridgeland, Ringgold and Trion. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic eligibility and financial need.

The award amount for this scholarship ranges from \$500-\$1,000 for each academic year. All scholarships are renewable for a total of four years based on satisfactory progress towards a degree.

CRITERIA/HOW TO APPLY

♦ Applicant must be a resident of the City of Chattanooga/Hamilton County and graduating from a high school in the City of Chattanooga/Hamilton County **OR** a graduating senior from one of the above listed north Georgia high schools. Applicant must have at least a 2.7 cumulative grade point average.

♦ **Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).** This application is available online at www.fafsa.gov.

On the FAFSA, Tennessee residents should list at least one Tennessee college or university in order to be considered for State aid (i.e. TN Student Assistance Award and/or TN Education Lottery Scholarship Program). If awarded this scholarship, you are not required to attend a Tennessee college or university.

♦ Complete and submit the application along with **ALL** required supplemental materials (see page 3 for supplemental material requirements). Faxed, late and/or incomplete application packet will **not** be considered.

♦ Contact the colleges to which you are applying to see if they require you to complete additional financial aid forms.

The Foundation and Chattanooga Coca-Cola reserve the right to review transcripts of each recipient's grades periodically and to determine the renewal of any scholarship based on such information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your high school guidance counselor or call the Director of Scholarships, Rebecca Suttles, at the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga at (423) 265-0586 ext.11 or rsuttles@cfgc.org.

Keep this page for reference and mail the application to the Community Foundation at the address below.

To be considered for the Coca-Cola Centennial Scholarship, submit this application packet in its entirety to the following address:
The Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, 1270 Market St. Chattanooga, TN 37402

This application must be received (not postmarked) in the Community Foundation office by **Friday, March 25, 2016**
Faxed, late and/or incomplete application packet will NOT be considered.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

Are there any extenuating circumstances that the Selection Committee should be aware of when reviewing your application, such as an illness or loss of job, which affects your family's financial situation? If so, please describe on a separate sheet.

STUDENT ESSAY

Attach a typed essay up to two pages long, which includes: (1) a brief biographical sketch, (2) a description of an experience in your life that has deeply influenced you, and (3) a description of some of your expectations and fears of college. Student's full name must be on each page of the essay.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach one letter of recommendation from a core class teacher, counselor or principal who knows your academic ability, work ethic and/or character well. Letter must be typed and on the school's letterhead.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

Attach an official high school transcript, which shows your cumulative grade point average (GPA) to date, your current class rank (if applicable), and your SAT and/or ACT test scores.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All applicants should complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible. The FAFSA application, along with complete instructions, is available online at www.fafsa.gov. On the FAFSA, if you are a Tennessee resident, you must list at least one Tennessee college or university in order to be considered for state aid (i.e. TN Student Assistance Award and/or TN Education Lottery Scholarship Program). If awarded this scholarship, you are not required to attend a Tennessee college or university. Applicants also must submit a complete copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) to the Community Foundation immediately after it is received from FAFSA. Applicants who do not file a FAFSA and include a complete copy of the SAR with the application packet to the Foundation will not be considered for a Community Foundation scholarship. Also contact colleges to which you are applying to see if they require you to complete additional financial aid forms.

Please check to confirm that your application packet is complete:

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| <input type="radio"/> Application is completely filled out | <input type="radio"/> Official high school transcript is enclosed |
| <input type="radio"/> Letter of recommendation is enclosed | <input type="radio"/> Student Aid Report (SAR) is enclosed |
| <input type="radio"/> Essay is enclosed | |

STUDENT AND PARENT AFFIRMATION

Both student and parent or guardian must read the following statement and sign as indicated:

We affirm that the information provided on this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand that misrepresentations may constitute fraud, which may result in the loss of eligibility for this scholarship or have other legal consequences. We give permission for the Selection Committee of the Community Foundation to review student transcripts, test scores, and other pertinent information.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature

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