

***The Hazel and Norman Cooksey Memorial Scholarship
Application***

for

High School Graduates

(Sponsored by the Commerce Lions Club)

This scholarship has been established to honor the memory of Hazel and Norman Cooksey, both of whom enjoyed long careers as educators. Its purpose is to help students continue their academic careers or receive additional technical training. It is awarded on the basis of dignity of character, sincerity, spirit of helpfulness, need, dependability, a desire to make a contribution to society, and an appreciation of education.

Amount of Award: Varies

Application Guidelines:

- A student may apply for this scholarship if he/she has been accepted as a student in any accredited post secondary school. The student's choice of study may be either academic or vocational-technical, and the major field of interest is the student's choice.
- There will be an alternate selected in addition to the recipient. The alternate will receive the award if the selected applicant does not fulfill all the guidelines of the program. If scholarship recipient is not enrolled in school within six months of acceptance of scholarship, award will be forfeited.
- The scholarship will be paid jointly to the student and school of choice after successful completion of the first semester and enrollment in the second semester. Therefore, it is important to provide the name and complete mailing address of the institution to which you have been accepted.
- The attached application must be completed and submitted to Brad Johnson, 74 Ashland Drive, Commerce, GA 30529 by March 15, 2008. Faxes will not be accepted. An interview process may be used to determine scholarship finalists.

- Eligibility:**
- (1) Be a senior in good standing and on track to graduate from a high school in Jackson or Banks County
 - (2) Have a minimum GPA of 2.5
 - (3) Have an acceptance letter from the post secondary institution you plan to attend
 - (4) Demonstrate financial need
 - (5) Supply two letters of recommendation using the form included with this application (one from an educator/one from a community member). Form may be duplicated as needed.

Deadline: March 15, 2008

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School and related information

(Please answer to the best of your ability. Use additional paper if necessary.)

Have you applied to a post secondary institution
(technical college, college, or university)? _____

If so, name of institution? _____

Have you been accepted? _____

What course of study will you pursue? _____

What do you estimate your college expenses to be for one year? _____

How much financial assistance do you anticipate
from your parents/spouse? _____

How much financial assistance do you anticipate
from other sources (loans, grants, jobs, etc.)? _____

What are your goals and aspirations? Describe your educational and career objectives.

Describe your involvement in extra-curricular activities, including clubs, athletics, fine arts, JROTC, etc. Please list offices held and awards received.

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**School and related information
(Continued)**

How are you involved in your community? List and discuss any leadership roles you have had in service, volunteer, and religious organizations.

Do you have any unusual circumstances that would increase your need for financial need? List and explain any personal circumstances which the committee should consider when evaluating your application.

What is your work history? List your three most recent jobs and dates. Include the company name, position, and the dates of employment.

How do you plan to finance your post secondary education?

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Letter of Recommendation
for
High School Graduate

Applicant's Name: _____

County of Residence: _____

The applicant listed above has requested your recommendation for this scholarship. Please follow the directions below and return your letter to the applicant in a signed, sealed envelope.

On a separate sheet of paper, preferably a letterhead, please comment on the following topics using examples when possible.

- Applicant's character
- Need for financial support
- Applicant's probable success in a chosen program of education

Please complete the following information:

Your Name: _____

Title: _____

Your Address: _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Signature: _____

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Application and Information Release Statement***

The information provided in my application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I understand that false information on this application will disqualify the scholarship.

I, (please print your name) _____, give permission for any individual, school or college to release to The Hazel and Norman Cooksey Memorial Scholarship Committee any information necessary to process my scholarship application or to maintain my scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____