



2023 Community Service Scholarship Program

Southeast Gas is pleased to provide a Community Service Scholarship program that recognizes outstanding community leadership in high school students and helps those students reach their academic goals.

The program is administered by the Southeast Gas Scholarship Committee, and awards are granted without regard to the actual or perceived race, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender or sexual preference of any applicant.

Who is eligible?

Applicants to the Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship program must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must have participated in community service work or volunteer activities;
- Must be currently enrolled in a public high school served by Southeast Gas;
- Must be a U.S. resident, age 20 or under;
- Must have a cumulative high school grade point average between 2.50 and 4.00 on a 4.00 scale (or the equivalent) – *emphasis will be placed on community service leadership activities*; and
- Must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited university, college or technical school prior to scholarship award.

What will be awarded?

- Up to twenty-five (25) selected recipients will receive a \$1,500 award. (Only one recipient will be selected from each of the 25 public high schools currently served by Southeast Gas.)
- Awards are one-time only and are not renewable.
- Awards are for undergraduate study only.

How do I apply?

- Applicants must complete and return the three-page application no later than March 10, 2023.
- Applicants must submit a 300-500 word essay as part of the scholarship application packet.
- Applicants may include a resume in addition to completing the application, but a resume is not required to apply.
- Applicants must submit a complete high school transcript as part of the scholarship application packet.
- Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation (one from an instructor at applicant's current high school, and one from a member of the community).
- An application is not considered complete until each of these items is received. To be considered for selection, completed applications must be **received** by 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2023.
- Please do not staple pages of packet together.



How are scholarship recipients selected?

- Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of participation in community service activities and volunteer service work, academic grade point average, standardized test scores, financial need and the content of a 300-500 word essay.
- All information received is considered confidential. Decisions are final and are not subject to appeal. The program is competitive; not all applicants will be selected as recipients.

How and when will I be notified?

- Notification is sent on or before April 7, 2023 via U.S. postal mail to scholarship recipients.
- Recipients and their Principal (or Principal's designee) are encouraged to join Southeast Gas for a recognition program on Thursday, April 27, 2023. (Specific details will be forwarded with scholarship award notification.)

What are a recipient's responsibilities?

- Recipients must return a completed Scholarship Acceptance Form to Southeast Gas by the indicated deadline.
- Recipients must notify their college, university or vocational-technical school about the award.
- Recipients must notify Southeast Gas of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information when requested.

How and when are scholarships paid?

- Payment is made in one installment on or before August 1, 2023.
- Southeast Gas issues checks payable to the school.
- Checks are mailed from Southeast Gas to the student's school of attendance.

Questions? Contact us.

- Email your inquiries to mitch.thorn@southeastgas.com.
- Call with your inquiries at (800) 660-8683.

Mail your completed application and supporting documents to:

Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship Program, Attention Mitch Thorn
Southeast Gas
Post Office Box 1338
Andalusia, Alabama 36420



**2023 Southeast Gas
Community Service Scholarship Application**

Application deadline is March 10, 2023. All applications received after 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2023 are ineligible for consideration. Incomplete applications are ineligible for consideration.

Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Date of Birth _____

High School _____

School Address _____

School Phone _____

Family Information

Father or Guardian

Mother or Guardian

Name _____ Name _____

Email _____ Email _____

Financial Information

Please check your combined family income (including both parents/guardians).

_____ \$0 - \$59,999

_____ \$60,000 – \$99,999

_____ over \$100,000



General

What would it would mean to you to be awarded the Southeast Gas Community Service Scholarship?

Educational Plans

Intended college, university or technical school _____

Intended major _____ Term to be enrolled _____

What are your career goals? _____

Activities

(A resume may be attached in addition to the information completed below.)

List any extra-curricular activities at school in which you have participated or honors you have received.

List any involvement in community/civic activities and/or work experience.

Essay

Please attach a reflective essay of 300-500 words using the topic **Why My Community Service Matters**. Essay should include specific areas you have served locally, regionally, nationally or globally, and the impact your service has made on others and yourself. *Essays that are not written on this topic will not be scored, and scholarship application will be disqualified.*

