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**Alabama Association of Federal Education Program Administrators**

TO: AAFEPA District Representatives

FROM: Scholarship Committee

DATE: August 27, 2025

SUBJECT: AAFEPAScholarship

On behalf of the AAFEPA organization, we are excited to offer a scholarship opportunity to the students in your districts. The scholarships are in honor of two AAFEPA Presidents: Leo Brown and Joan Buckley. Each scholarship is $1,500.00 and non-renewable. Both of these charter members provided much leadership and dedicated their time and talents to move our association forward as a professional organization.

* Persons eligible for the Leo Brown Scholarship are senior students presently enrolled in a public school. **The student must be pursuing a degree in education**.
* Persons eligible for the Joan Buckley Scholarship are senior students presently enrolled in a public school. **The student may be pursuing a degree in any area of their interest.**

As a District Representative of AAFEPA, please help us distribute this application to all school systems that are members of AAFEPA in your district. The completed application must be **postmarked** by **Tuesday,** **September 30, 2025,** and **be mailed to Ann West, Scholarship Committee.**

**The original and one copy of the application should be mailed to:**

Ann West

302 Warfield Avenue

Hamilton, Alabama 35570

If you have any questions please call Ann West at 205-395-1009 or email [awest@mcbe.net](mailto:awest@mcbe.net).



Alabama Association of Federal Education Program Administrators

# AAFEPA 2025 Scholarship Program

## Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship program is to financially support post-secondary education for qualifying seniors. The recipient of the scholarship will be a student who:

1. Exemplifies the following characteristics:

• leadership within at least one school, community, or church activity

• involvement in extracurricular activities

• evidence of positive character, integrity, and leadership traits

2. Has attained the following achievements:

• an overall minimum academic record of 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale

• a demonstrated commitment to learning

• a successful experience working with children/young people

**Eligibility**

Candidates for the AAFEPA scholarship will be selected by the AAFEPA district representatives. Each district may select candidates to represent their district for the state scholarship program.

1. An eligible student must be a high school senior who plans to enroll in an accredited

College or University.

2. An eligible student must demonstrate a commitment to school, academics and

community activities.

3. An eligible student must meet all criteria outlined in the purpose section of this

document.

**Selection Process**

Scholarship winners will be selected based upon the following areas of stated point value:

* High school transcript from spring 2025 (15 points)
* Extracurricular activities/leadership activities within the school, community or church, and awards received. Please list. (20 points)
* 3 letters of recommendation, including one letter from a faculty member on school letterhead, one from the principal or an administrative designee on school letterhead and one from a non-family member. (15 points)
* Personal essay that is up to 2 pages, double spaced. The essay should give a description of a personal experience with adversity **or** an obstacle you have faced and how you overcame it. Please do not include your list of leadership activities in your essay. (50 points)

The student’s application packet must be **postmarked** and mailed to the AAFEPA Scholarship Committee by **Tuesday, September 30, 2025.**

### About The Scholarships

AAFEPA offers two scholarships: the Leo Brown Scholarship and the Joan Buckley Scholarship. The AAFEPA Board of Directors established awards in honor of these individuals to recognize their outstanding contributions to the goals of the AAFEPA organization and the students the organization represents. Mr. Brown and Dr. Buckley demonstrated and provided exemplary leadership and dedication to both the AAFEPA and NAFEPA organizations.

* The Leo Brown Scholarship is awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in education and the Joan Buckley Scholarship is awarded to a student who will be pursuing a degree in any major.
* The scholarship grants are $1,500.00 and will be awarded in November.
* **The scholarship grants are available only for the 2026-2027 school year.**
* The individuals selected to receive each of the scholarships will also represent our state. They will be given the opportunity to submit their applications as Alabama’s candidates to compete for the four NAFEPA Scholarships.

**Scholarship Payment**

The full amount of each scholarship will be made payable to the institution of the recipient’s choice for the 2026-2027 academic year. It is the responsibility of each scholarship recipient to forward enrollment verification and a tuition invoice to the AAFEPA treasurer. Please note that the scholarship is paid directly to the institution.

**Application Process**

1. Complete the application and attach all required information. **Use one-sided pages only and no staples, please.**
2. **Follow directions explicitly.**
3. Submit two copies of the completed application packet **(one original and one copy)** to the AAFEPA Scholarship Committee at the address below:

Ann West

302 Warfield Avenue

Hamilton, Alabama 35570

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# AAFEPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

*Alabama Association of Federal Education Program Administrators*

##### Part I: To be completed by Scholarship Applicant

Last Name: \_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local School District: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**I plan to pursue a degree in**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Application Checklist:**

A Completed AAFEPA Scholarship Application Form with all signatures must have the following attachments:

* Personal essay that is up to 2 pages, double spaced. The essay should give a description of a personal experience with adversity **or** an obstacle they have faced and how they overcame it. Please do not include your list of leadership activities in your essay.
* A numerical list of leadership activities within the school, community, and church, and awards received.
* A high school transcript, spring 2025.
* Three letters of recommendation;
  + One from a principal or administrative designee on school letterhead;
  + One from a faculty member on school letterhead; and
  + One from a non-family member.
* Complete Part II and ask your principal to complete Part III.

**Applicant’s Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***Part II: To be Completed by Scholarship Applicant***

Institutional Preference: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? Yes □ No □

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Student)

***Part III: To be Completed by High School Principal***

I certify that this student will meet the established criteria for obtaining an Alabama High School Diploma at the conclusion of this current school year.

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Principal’s Signature Date

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Name of High School School Phone Number

Please return this completed form to the applicant on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Return Date Supplied By Applicant