



## **ASBA Educational Foundation J.K. Williams Memorial Scholarship Award Program**

The Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA) Educational Foundation established the J.K. Williams Memorial Scholarship in honor of former Executive Director J.K. Williams. Mr. Williams led ASBA from 1978 until his retirement in 1992 after completing 42 years in education. During his career, Mr. Williams served as teacher, coach, central office administrator and superintendent. Upon his death in 2012, it was decided to honor his memory and rename the at-large scholarship previously awarded.

The scholarship is designed to benefit the board member, spouse, sons/daughters/grandchildren/legal wards of ASBA-affiliated Arkansas school board members who are at least a junior in college pursuing a degree in the field of education at an Arkansas institution of higher education.

One scholarship will be awarded annually. A committee appointed by the ASBA board of directors will review scholarship applications and determine the recipient. The award will be made before the fall school term.

### **Criteria for Consideration**

- The recipient must be the board member, spouse, sons/daughters/grandchildren/legal wards of a publicly elected Arkansas school board member. School board member-parent/legal guardian must have served on his/her local board at some time during the school year in which the scholarship is awarded.
- Grants will be one-time scholarships to a student who is a junior in college or higher pursuing a degree in the field of education at an Arkansas institution of higher education.
- Scholarship amount will be \$2,500.

Scholarships will be awarded based upon academic performance, demonstrated leadership, and community service engagement. Financial need may be a consideration.

### **Application Submission**

Application for the scholarship award will consist of:

- Completed ASBA Educational Foundation J.K. Williams Scholarship Application
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, college advisor, or member of the community.
- Student's official college transcript
- An essay of no more than 500 words written by the student applicant expressing goals, future plans, past activities, life/educational influences and a statement about how the scholarship would help the student to achieve his/her education and goals
- Resumé prepared by student

The application and required documents listed above must be submitted using this link, <https://forms.gle/6hRgo8Y9xuC9PVJ59>, no later than 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Each file must be saved with your name included in the filename. Remember that partial submissions will not be considered so be sure to include all the required items.