



ASBA Educational Foundation Freshman Scholarship Award Program

Congressional Scholarships and Marshall R. Hughes Scholarship

The Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA) Educational Foundation Freshman Scholarship Program is designed to benefit the sons/daughters/legal wards of ASBA-affiliated Arkansas school board members who will be entering two-year or four-year institutions of higher education. The scholarship program was established through the ASBA Educational Foundation in September 1992. The first Congressional scholarships were awarded in 1994. The Marshall R. Hughes Scholarship, which is named in honor of former Beardsley Public Finance employee, Marshall Hughes, was initially issued in 2021.

Five scholarships are awarded annually – one from each of the state's four congressional districts and one statewide scholarship. The Marshall Hughes Scholarship is awarded to an overall statewide winner. A committee assigned by the ASBA board of directors will review scholarship applications and determine awardees. Awards will be made before the fall school term.

Criteria for Consideration

- Recipients must be the sons/daughters/legal wards of publicly elected Arkansas school board members. 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 entering freshmen at two-year or four-year institutions of higher education.
- The four Congressional Scholarship amounts will be \$2,500 each. The Marshall R. Hughes Scholarship will be \$5,000 awarded to the overall statewide winner.
- Scholarships will be awarded based upon academic performance, demonstrated leadership, community involvement, extracurricular activities, special talents or unique endeavors and future educational and career plans. Financial need may be a consideration.

Application Submission

Application for the scholarship award will consist of:

- Completed ASBA Educational Foundation Freshman Scholarship Application
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, administrator, clergy, employer, or member of the community
- Student's transcript (seven semesters) with grade point average and class ranking included signed by school official
- 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
- Résumé prepared by student

The application and required documents listed above must be submitted using this link, <https://forms.gle/QKAP1Z7XveVHWcQ16>, 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.