

Scholarship Application for School Year 2024-2025

Project Youth Educational Services (Y.E.S.) is dedicated to supporting high school graduates who have excelled academically and demonstrated outstanding commitment to extracurricular activities and community service. We achieve this by providing academic scholarships for their post-secondary education at accredited colleges, universities, or other educational institutions. These scholarships include: the Project Y.E.S. Inc. Scholarship, the Kenneth McFarland Legacy Scholarship, and the April Strong Legacy Excellence in Academics Scholarship.

Available Scholarships: (Only one Award per applicant per scholarship period):

Project Y.E.S., Inc Scholarship

The Project Y.E.S. Scholarship seeks to empower and honor those students who exemplify a dedication to both their academic pursuits and their commitment to making a positive impact on their community or church. This scholarship is an opportunity for deserving students to receive financial support while furthering their education and continuing their meaningful contributions to their communities. Eligible applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and a strong record of extracurricular involvement in their community or church activities.

Recipients of the Project Y.E.S., Inc Scholarship will be awarded \$500.00 per academic semester, with an annual limit of \$1,000.00.

Kenneth McFarland Legacy Community Service Scholarship

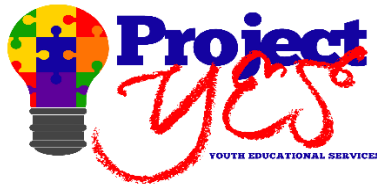
The Kenneth McFarland Legacy Community Service Scholarship was established to commemorate the enduring legacy of Reverend Kenneth McFarland, a distinguished figure known for his unwavering dedication to community service, civic engagement, Christian ministry, and youth empowerment. Eligibility for this scholarship requires applicants to have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and a strong record of exceptional service to their community or church.

Recipients of the Kenneth McFarland Legacy Community Service Scholarship will be awarded \$500.00 per academic semester, with an annual limit of \$1,000.00.

April Strong Legacy Excellence in Academics Scholarship

The April Strong Legacy Excellence in Academics Scholarship was established in memory of Mrs. April Strong, a respected educator and community leader. This prestigious scholarship honors Mrs. Strong's legacy of encouraging personal growth and academic achievement, providing deserving students with financial support for their education. This scholarship requires a minimum GPA requirement of 3.5 and rewards students who demonstrate excellence in academics and community involvement.

Recipients of the April Strong Legacy Excellence in Academics Scholarship will receive \$750.00 per semester, with an annual limit of \$1,500.00.



Application Guidelines

1. DEADLINE to submit the scholarship application is **Monday, April 1, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** Eastern (**no exceptions**).
2. If any question/statement does not apply to you in this application, please put "N/A" in the space.
3. Submit application via email scholarship@projectyesatl.org, on the Project Y.E.S. website (projectyesatl.org), or Mail to: Project Youth Educational Services [Y.E.S.], Inc., 2170 Hwy 138 East #200, Stockbridge, GA 30281 (*must be postmarked for no later than April 1, 2024*)
4. This application will be used to determine eligibility for all scholarships. Applicants will be contacted no later than **April 15, 2024** to schedule an interview with the Scholarship Interviewing Team. **NOTE:** *Each qualifying applicant will be scheduled for the Workshop and to meet with the Scholarship Interviewing Panel for a personal interview. Failure to appear for the scheduled interview will result in disqualification of the applicant.*
5. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact scholarship@projectyesatl.org or (470) 588-2126

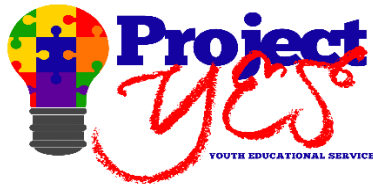
Eligibility Required Criteria:

1. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
2. The applicant must demonstrate positive impact and involvement in school, community, and/or church as determined through this application process and with letters of recommendation.
3. The applicant must have the minimum unweighted G.P.A. requirement on a 4.0 scale for the desired scholarship: The Kenneth McFarland Legacy Community Service Scholarship (2.0), Project Y.E.S., Inc Scholarship (2.5), and April Strong Legacy Excellence in Academics Scholarship(3.5)
4. The applicant must be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college/university or other post-secondary educational institution. (Verification must be presented before any funds will be disbursed)
5. The applicant must complete the Informational Workshop, a workshop hosted by Project Y.E.S., Inc.
6. Once eligibility is established, Scholarship funds will be awarded in two parts each academic year, at the beginning of each Fall and each Spring semesters of enrollment/attendance at an accredited college/university, technical school, or other post-secondary educational institution. (**Verification must be presented before any funds will be disbursed**)

Application Process - Incomplete applications will not be considered (no exceptions):

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Submit completed, typed or digital, application form (if handwritten, please print legibly in blue or black ink)
2. Photo (black/white or color) – can be either a head shot or full body.
3. An official and current high school transcript, in a sealed envelope, showing G.P.A.
4. Essay. (*Please see next page for essay prompts and requirements*)
5. Standardized Test Scores: SAT or ACT. (Optional)
6. Two (2) SIGNED letters of recommendation from a combination of the following:
 - a) School - a high school teacher or counselor on school letterhead
 - b) Community - an employer, community member, club sponsor, coach, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's character, experience, and involvement. (*Please Note: Applicants must provide two letters if applying for the Kenneth McFarland Legacy Scholarship with verification of community service hours completed.*)
 - c) Church - a pastor, deacon, youth leader, or another leader or member of your local church (*Please Note: not required but could provide verification of extracurricular and community involvement*)
 - d) **Letters of Recommendation may NOT come from family members.**
7. Certificate of Completion from the Project Y.E.S. Scholarship Information Workshop



Scholarship Essay Prompts:

(In 350-500 words essay format, answer the following questions):

Project Y.E.S., Inc. Scholarship

Describe your personal journey with education. How has your educational experience shaped your perspective on life and your future goals?

Share a significant moment or event in your educational history that had a profound impact on your understanding of the importance of education.

Kenneth McFarland Legacy Community Service Scholarship

Describe a significant community service project you have been involved in. How did you identify the needs of the community, and what steps did you take to address them? Explain the impact your efforts had on the community and on yourself.

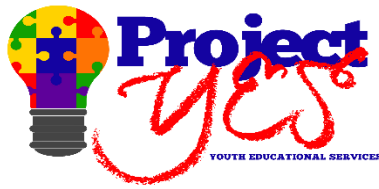
Explain how your involvement in community service has contributed to your personal and academic growth. In what ways have your experiences influenced your future goals and aspirations?

April Strong Legacy Excellence in Academics Scholarship

Describe what excellence means to you personally. How do you define excellence in your academic, personal, and extracurricular pursuits?

Share a specific instance where you faced challenges but ultimately achieved excellence. What did you learn from this experience, and how has it shaped your perspective on success?

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Scholarship Recommendation Form

Dear: School Official/Community Representative/Church Member:

This student, _____, has applied for a Project Youth Educational Services [Y.E.S.], Inc. Scholarship for the school year 2024-2025.

To fairly consider and evaluate this applicant, please submit a letter of recommendation. Your comments must be detailed and specifically address, but need not be limited to, the following items:

1. Does the applicant perform up to his/her academic ability? Provide your observations of the applicant's actions in the academic environment.
2. What leadership qualities does the applicant demonstrate? Please give specific examples.
3. Comment on the applicant's involvement in extracurricular school activities, including any offices held.
4. Comment on the applicant's involvement in community and/or church activities.
5. Comment on the applicant's plans to achieve his/her career goals.

Please address all five areas listed above, to the best of your ability, based on your personal experience with the student. For employers and/or church members, please comment on the student's work ethic, dependability, spiritual development, and anything else that you believe would be beneficial to accurately paint a positive portrait of the applicant.

Place your letter of recommendation in an envelope, then seal and SIGN the sealed portion of the envelope, and return it to the applicant who will submit it with his/her application. Please write your recommendation on official letterhead if you are a school and/or elected official & community representative.

All letters of recommendation must accompany the applicant's application packet.

Very truly yours,
Scholarship Programs
Project Youth Educational Services [Y.E.S.], Inc.

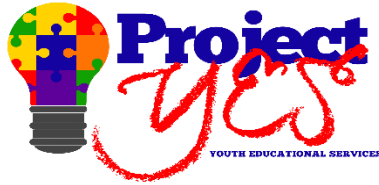
*******NOTE TO APPLICANTS*******

Please provide copies of this page to individuals who will write your letters of recommendation.



Application for School Year 2024-2025

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	
Mailing Address: Street: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Daytime Telephone Number: () _____		Date of Birth: _____
E-mail Address: _____		
Name of Current High School: _____		Number of years attended: _____
List Colleges/Institutions to which you have already applied (you may submit your list on a separate sheet): _____		
I have been accepted by the following schools in the <u>Fall of 2024</u> : _____		
I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2024</u> : _____		
Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to disbursement of ALL funds.		
Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript is required.		
ACT Score: _____ Or SAT Score: _____		
Mother's /Guardian's Name: _____		
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
Cell/Work/Home Phone: _____		
Father's /Guardian's Name: _____		
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
Cell/Work/Home Phone: _____		
What area/specialty do you plan to major in as you continue your education? _____		



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Briefly share your educational and professional goals and objectives.

List awards, honors, and special recognitions you received while in high school.

Please describe any of your community and church involvement

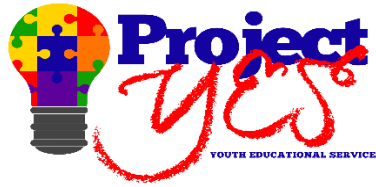
Please describe any of your academic and school involvement.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my photo may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Project Youth Educational [Y.E.S.], Inc. Scholarship Programs.

I hereby understand that (1) if chosen as a scholarship recipient and (2) to remain eligible, I must provide evidence outlined/articulated in the eligibility requirements and the application process connected to my enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds will be disbursed.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____



APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

(You must submit every item on this Checklist unless designated as optional)

- Completed Application
- Resume (optional)
- Photo
- Official High School Transcript
- Essay (see specific essay prompts and instructions, page 3)
- Standardized Test Scores: SAT or ACT (optional)
- Letters of Recommendation (see requirements in scholarship descriptions, page 2)
- Certificate of Completion from the informational workshop hosted by Project Y.E.S., Inc. (Due before funds are dispersed)

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Mail:

Project Youth Educational Services [Y.E.S.], Inc.
2170 Hwy 138 East #200
Stockbridge, GA 30281

Email:

scholarship@projectyesatl.org

Complete On The Website:

www.projectyesatl.org