

2024 Whittemore Alumni Association Scholarship Program

The Whittemore Alumni Association Scholarship Program awards financial assistance to graduating seniors planning to enroll in an accredited college or university and who are descendants of Whittemore High School alumni. The scholarship awards vary based on the contributors and are non-renewable.

History of the Whittemore Alumni Association Scholarship Program

In 1971, a group of Whittemore High School alumni (Conway, SC 1870-1970) organized to form an association with a focus on providing community development and scholarship support for African American students graduating from high school in Horry County, SC who desired to attend college. The Whittemore Alumni Association has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarship awards since its establishment. Today, the early goals of the association have expanded and developed into a program that oversees four major scholarships: The Whittemore Alumni Association Scholarship, The Willie Dean Whaley Teaching Scholarship, The Matthew S. and Beatrice G. Rhue Scholarship for Vocational/Technical Training, and The Annis Alston Staley Endowment Fund for Entrepreneurship in Business and Technology. Community members, descendants and alumni donations serve as the foundation for these initiatives.

Scholarship Descriptions and Applicant Criteria

Applicants for the scholarships listed below should only apply for scholarships that best align with their strengths, needs, career aspirations, and scholarship qualifications. Please review the descriptions carefully and discuss the criteria with your parents or guidance counselors before completing the online application.

The Whittemore Alumni Association Scholarship is awarded each year to graduating seniors who are descendants of a Whittemore High School alum. To be eligible, applicants should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on the weighted SC UGP scale) at the time of submission; must be a 2024 senior graduating from an accredited high school; should demonstrate strong leadership or volunteer involvement in both school and community activities. The scholarship award is \$1,000, given in the first year, and is non-renewable.

Submission Deadline: Reference to website for the latest deadline

The Willie Dean Whaley Teaching Scholarship is named for Willie Dean Whaley, a teacher who spent over 40 years teaching Home Economics/Family and Consumer Science in the Horry County School District. It is awarded to a graduating senior who is a descendant of a Whittemore High School alum. Applicant should have a GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on the weighted SC UGP scale) at the time of submission, and plan to enroll in a teaching program at an accredited college or university. The scholarship award is \$1,500, given in the first year, and is non-renewable. The scholarship is funded by the Whittemore High School Class of 1967. **Submission Deadline: Reference to website for the latest deadline**

The Matthew S. and Beatrice G. Rhue Scholarship for Vocational/Technical Training

is named for a family of self-made entrepreneurs, skilled professionals, and advocates for individual and community growth and development. It is awarded each year to a graduating senior who is a descendant of a Whittemore High School alum, and whose annual family household income is \$35,000 or less. Student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher (based on the weighted SC UGP scale) at the time of submission, and plan to attend a Technical/Vocational institution of higher *learning* (*a statement signed by a parent or guardian verifying family household income is required to apply for this scholarship*). Applicant must be a 2024 graduating senior, planning to begin a program of study at a two-year, trade, or technical college in the fall of 2024, and demonstrate evidence of strong leadership or volunteer involvement in both school and community activities and development. The scholarship award is \$2,500, given in the first year, and is non-renewable. The scholarship is funded by members of the Rhue family. **Submission Deadline:**
Reference to website for the latest deadline

The Annis Alston Staley Fund for Entrepreneurship, Business and Technology is named for Annis Alston Staley, a Whittemore High School Class of 1963 graduate who was the first African American woman to advance to top level management and leadership in the McDonald's Corporation, and among the first women to own multiple McDonald franchises. The scholarship is for a graduating senior who is a descendant of a Whittemore High School alum. The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher (based on the weighted SC UGP scale) at the time of submission and plan to enroll in an accredited institution of higher learning in pursuit of a degree in Business and Technology with a focus on Entrepreneurship. The award is \$2,500 and is non-renewable (*a statement signed by a parent or guardian verifying family household income is required to apply for this scholarship*). **Submission Deadline:** Reference to website for the latest deadline

Checklist of Required Documents and Attachments

Please submit the following documents and attachments along with your application online by visiting www.whittemorealumniassociation.org

- **Two Letters of Recommendation** - one from a teacher, advisor, or school principal **and** one from someone in the community or your church who can attest to your character (the person cannot be a relative)
- **Your official high school transcript (must be submitted by your guidance counselor or official transcript system)**
- **Family Income Statement: A statement signed by your parents** verifying your family's income if you are applying for The Matthew S. and Beatrice G. Rhue Scholarship for Vocational/Technical Training or The Annis Alston Staley Fund for Entrepreneurship, Business and Technology scholarships.
- **A Personal Statement Video** (video must be 2-3 minutes long; not to exceed 3 minutes). Begin your video by introducing yourself. State your name, high school, community/village where you grew up, choices of and plans for college. Choose and focus on one of the following questions to answer in your video:
 1. How will this scholarship assist you and your family in meeting your college fund goals?
 2. What inspired you to go to college and how do you plan to use your college education to make an impact in your field of study/work and the community?