

# 2026 Scholarship Application

The Southern Bank Company is pleased to once again offer \$2,000 scholarship opportunities for high school students in Etowah, Cherokee and Marshall Counties. Please review the official rules below and complete the attached application. All applications must be postmarked prior to the April 15, 2026 deadline. Please mail the completed application and required essay to:

The Southern Bank Company  
Attn: Marketing Department  
PO Box 1130  
Gadsden, AL 35902

If you have any questions, please call 256-543-3860.

Thanks, and good luck!

## OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE SOUTHERN BANK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM -2026

1. Student must be currently enrolled as a high school senior with a minimum 2.0 GPA (4.0 scale)
2. Applicants must complete the application and submit one-page maximum response to the Essay Question.
3. All scholarships must be postmarked prior to the April 15, 2026 deadline.
4. Scholarships will be made payable directly to the college or technical school for the benefit of the registered student, unless The Southern Bank Company decides on an alternate method of payment.
5. Applicants are solely responsible for all information on the application and essay. Recipients will be required to verify enrollment in a qualifying college or technical school before funds are paid.
6. Recipients are fully responsible for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes and fees.
7. This award may impact the amount of other financial aid that a student can receive.
8. The Southern Bank Company will establish a Scholarship Committee. The Committee decisions are final. By participating, the recipient agrees to these rules and releases The Southern Bank Company, and its directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all liability with respect to this scholarship program. The recipient agrees to the use of his / her name, address and photograph, and / or biographical information for advertising or promotional purposes, without further compensation.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending Now: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you graduating in the spring? Yes / No

Home Address, Including County:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School College Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to go to college / trade school? \_\_\_\_\_

Section 1-

1. Who is someone you admire – not a family member?

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2. Why do you admire them?

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3. What is your plan after college / trade school?

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4. What work experiences have you had?



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5. Please give 2 references with contact information:

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Section 2:

Please attach 1 page essay on this topic:

“Discuss something that you have learned in the last year that you were not expecting to.”

Section 3:

**Signature and Disclaimer:** I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to give proof of the information on this application. I understand that The Southern Bank Company Scholarship Committee will review the information provided. I agree to the use of my name, address, photograph and / or biographical information for advertising or publicity purposes without further compensation. I agree to the rules and release The Southern Bank Company, its directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all liability with respect the award.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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