

ALBERTUS "BOOTS" & ELEANOR VAN DUREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eligibility:

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship award from the Albertus "Boots" & Eleanor Van Duren Memorial Scholarship Fund, you must:

1. Be a student in the graduating class of a high school or its related equivalent, or a student currently enrolled in an accredited American college, university, or community college.
2. Be a resident of the state of Florida.
3. Have served as an employee of the Florida Elks Youth Camp summer camp program for one season and been hired for a second season. These two seasons do not need to be consecutive, but applicants cannot apply unless they have been hired for a second season.
4. On a grading scale of 1.0 to 4.0, applicant must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better. If the applicant does not have a 3.0 GPA but feels that they will have it prior to the awarding of funds in February, they should still apply in a timely fashion and include a written explanation as to how they plan on achieving the 3.0 GPA.

Competition:

Boys and girls will compete for identical awards.

Number of Awards and Amounts:

Annually, the Florida State Elks Association (FSEA) will offer scholarships, valued at up to \$10,000 per recipient, to any accredited American college, university, or community college. These scholarships are funded by income derived from the "Van Duren Trust" with total funding expected to be approximately \$50,000 per year. At no time will total annual scholarships awarded exceed funds that have been made available from the "Trust".

Judging Criteria:

Scholarship, Performance Evaluation, Leadership and Financial Need are the criteria by which applicants will be judged. Students of outstanding merit have the best chance to win our awards. Experience indicates that students with a scholarship rating of 90% or better, a relative standing in the upper 10% of their class, who have received an acceptable evaluation for their summer camp performance at our Youth Camp and who have exhibited leadership ability, generally qualify in the group given final consideration.

Scoring:

The following Merit Standards will prevail:

Scholarship	400 points
FEYC Summer Camp Performance Evaluation	300 points
Leadership	200 points
Financial Need	<u>100 points</u>
 TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	 1,000 points

The Scholarship:

The scholarship award will be in the form of an award letter presented to each successful applicant. It is presented with the understanding that the recipient will enroll in a 4-year undergraduate program of study at an accredited American college or university (the first two (2) years of the 4-year program may be at a 2-year college/community college). Upon the receipt of verification of enrollment and proof of class attendance from the proper school officials, the FSEA will issue a check in the amount of the award, which will be forwarded to the college, university, or community college to establish a credit in the name of the recipient.

Restrictions on Use of Scholarships:

There is no restriction currently on the use of the scholarship. It may be utilized for tuition, books, lab fees, tutoring, room & board, transportation, food, uniforms, etc.

Verification of Use of Scholarship Funds:

Scholarship recipients will be required to provide the FSEA with documentation and receipts for use of all scholarship funds. These documents and receipts will be reviewed by the Van Duren Scholarship Committee for accuracy and in some cases further verification of the use of the funds may be requested by the Committee.

Applications for Successive Scholarships:

Each scholarship student must complete and submit a new "renewing" scholarship application each year. A maximum of four (4) scholarships are available to any applicant and these scholarships may be used for either undergraduate or graduate studies.

All applicants wishing to apply for successive scholarships must continue to be employed by the Florida Elks Youth Camp and provide to the FSEA:

1. Receipts verifying use of the previous year's scholarship funds
2. Report of grades reflecting earned credit hours since the last application

Note: Applicants will only be eligible for successive scholarships if they have maintained a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better.

Unacceptable Conduct:

All scholarship recipients are expected to be good citizens of their community. These principles of law and order and morality are supported by the Order of the Elks. Therefore, unexpended credit is subject to withdrawal by the FSEA if the conduct of the student is contrary to these principles.

Applications Become Property of the FSEA:

After completing this application, please save a copy of it for your records. All applications become the property of the Florida State Elks Association.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS

1. Applications must be submitted on the current official five-page scholarship application form. The application must be dated and signed by the student (Page 1) and the parental financial information form (Page 5) must be signed by the parent(s) or guardian and notarized.
2. Typewritten applications are preferred over handwritten submissions. Unsigned or incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.
4. It is preferable that exhibits such as awards and media items be copies.
5. When completing the application form, carefully plan a response to each item before typing the final draft. Pay close attention to the requirements for each section and secure all required dates.
6. If more room is needed to complete your responses for pages 2, 3, or 4, you may continue them on one (1) separate sheet referring in the application that they are continued. On the added sheet, type the heading for the question(s) whose answer(s) is(are) being continued on it. Include this sheet as the sixth page of your application.
7. Official high school/home school transcripts or current college transcripts must be submitted with your application. They must bear an original signature of the proper school authority or in the case of home-schooled applicants, the signature of the proper school official of the district in which the student was home schooled. Transcripts must cover student grades from the beginning of the 9th grade through the first semester of their senior year. Photocopies are acceptable.
8. For further consideration an applicant may submit any ACT scores, SAT scores, a community college computerized test, or entrance exam scores with their application. SAT scores (a minimum combined score of 950 on the critical reading and math section is required with a minimum score of 450 on either section) or ACT scores (a minimum overall score of 19 with a minimum of 17 on English, 19 on Math and 18 on reading) are required for all students who were home schooled. Photocopies are acceptable.
9. Your application package must contain at least two (2), but no more than three (3) letters of endorsement (originals or photocopies) from a person in authority (School Principal, Dean, Teacher, Coach, Counselor, etc.) at a high school or college attended by the applicant. The letter(s) may cover the applicant's ability, work habits, leadership, personality, and integrity. Each letter should be typed, dated, signed, and no longer than one side of an 8-1/2 by 11- inch page.
10. Your application packet must contain at least one (1), but no more than two (2) letters of endorsement (originals or copies) from responsible community (non-school) people. These people should not be related to the applicant. They should be capable of reporting the applicant's participation in the community in terms of work, service, leadership skills, and outstanding recognition. Each letter should be typed, dated, signed, and be no longer than one side of an 8-1/2 by 11- inch page.
11. Your application package must contain a statement setting forth your vocational or professional goals. It should relate how your past, present, and future activities and accomplishments make the attainment of this goal probable. The applicant by deed and circumstance must demonstrate his/her worthiness. The letter should be typed on an 8-1/2 by 11- inch page and contain 300 words or less.

12. Your application package may contain up to three (3) pages of copies or exhibits depicting achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, or other activities.

13. The application package, including all attachments, must be suitably bound on the left side and it should be arranged in the following order:

- ☐ Five-page application form. (The scholarship application consists of only five pages. Please do not include the introductory and instructional pages i through iv with your application.)
- ☐ Answer continuation page for application form (One page if needed)
- ☐ Official High School/Home School/College Transcripts (Report of grades reflecting earned credit hours, final grades for 2022/23, and cumulative grade point average.)
- ☐ ACT, SAT, CPT, or college entrance test scores (ACT or SAT scores are required for Home School Applicants, optional for traditional high school applicant)
- ☐ Letter(s) of endorsement - school official(s) (At least two, but no more than three)
- ☐ Letters of endorsement – community persons (At least one, but no more than two)
- ☐ Statement setting forth vocational/professional goals
- ☐ Exhibits (Up to three pages)

2026 ACADEMIC YEAR APPLICATION FOR **NEW** SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

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A Scholarship Program of the Florida Elks Youth Camp & the Florida State Elks Association

Based on Scholarship, Performance, Leadership, and Financial Need

IMPORTANT: Before preparing this application, carefully study, and then completely execute the procedures. Applications must be **RECEIVED** by the FSEA on or before January 16, 2026.

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Mailing Address: _____ Phone #: (____) ____ - ____

City, State, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth: _____ Age: ____
Mo. Day Yr. City & State or Country

Schools Attended (9th through 12th Grades)

Name of School: _____ Dates Attended: _____

Did school offer honor courses? () Yes () No

Name of School: _____ Dates Attended: _____

Did school offer honor courses? () Yes () No

Date you will graduate: ____ / ____ Your Class Rank: _____ # of Students in Class: ____
Mo. Yr.

Date: _____ Signature of Student: _____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:

Florida State Elks Association, Inc.
Van Duren Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 49
Umatilla, FL 32784-0049

(If mailed to this PO Box using standard mailing services, please allow 6 to 10 business days for the package to arrive)

Overnight Address:

Florida State Elks Association, Inc.
Van Duren Scholarship Committee
24175 SE Highway 450
Umatilla, FL 32784

Package must be received by the FSEA by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 16, 2026
Questions, please contact Megan Menges at megan@floridaelks.org

Honors and Awards

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors and awards earned during the last 3 years and state the nature of each award.
Please include only significant honors and awards. Do not include awards such as Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.

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| 2. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 18. _____ |

Positions of Leadership

State name of organization, position, and grade(s) position was held during the last 3 years.

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Activities and Organizations You Participated in for Three or More Years

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations you participated in for three or more years during the last 3 years.
You may include those listed in the Positions of Leadership section. Please give the name of organization in which you were involved.

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| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
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Activities and Organizations You Participated in for Two Years

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations you participated in for two years during the last 3 years. You may include those listed in the Positions of Leadership section. Please give the name of the organization in which you were involved.

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Activities and Organizations You Participated in for One Year

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations you participated in for one year during the last 3 years. You may include those listed in the Positions of Leadership section. Please give the name of the organization in which you were involved.

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Employment History

List jobs you held last summer. Including baby-sitting and work for a family business.

Type of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Approx. Hrs. /Week

List jobs held during the current school year. Include applicable jobs listed above. Include baby-sitting and work for a family business.

Type of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Approx. Hrs. /Week

Community Service

List volunteer work or community service you performed without pay during the last 4 years.

Kind of Work

Name of Agency or Organization

Dates of Participation

Total Hours of Service

Florida Elks Youth Camp Employment History

Years served as a Counselor in Training (CIT), Counselor, or Employee

Career/College Plans

Outline your college plans and include your planned course of study. Applicants must enroll in a 4-year undergraduate program of study at an accredited American college or university. (The first two (2) years of the 4-year program may be at a 2-year college/ community college)

Have you been granted any other scholarship aid yet for 2025/26? () Yes () No If yes, give details:

Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college or university you plan to attend or are attending?

☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, give details:

Parental Financial Information

Parent 1 Name: _____

Stepparent's Name: _____ Age _____ Occupation _____

Parent 2 Name: _____

Stepparent's Name: _____ Age _____ Occupation _____

Custodial Parent's Marital Status:

Parent 1: ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐ Remarried ☐ Separated ☐ Single

Parent 2: ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced ☐ Remarried ☐ Separated ☐ Single

- A. Parent 1's 2023 annual income (earned from work) \$_____ (A)
- B. Parent 2's 2023 annual income (earned from work) \$_____ (B)
- C. Other taxable income from parent(s) 2023 IRS 1040 (all Schedules) \$_____ (C)
- D. Parent(s) adjusted gross income from 2023 IRS 1040 (bottom line first page) If
you have not filed your tax return, estimate your adjusted gross income for 2022. \$_____ (D)
(A+B+C)
- E. All non-taxable income not included above (including pensions IRA/Keogh,
Social Security/disability benefits, child support, rent free housing, etc.) For Social Security,
only report benefits for parent(s), student, & other siblings. Do not include benefits
received by the applicant. \$_____ (E)
- F. GROSS INCOME \$_____ (F)
(D+E)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and Official seal.

Signed: _____ (Parent 1)

Signed: _____ (Parent 2)

STATE OF: _____

COUNTY OF: _____

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20__ by
_____ & _____, who () is/are
personally known to me, or () produced Florida driver's license(s) as identification, or () produced
_____ as identification.

Notary Seal:

NOTARY PUBLIC