



The Avery Farmer Scholarship

Avery Farmer's Bio

Avery Michael Farmer was born 7/31/2003 in Lexington, Kentucky, to Matt and Melissa Farmer. His life was cut tragically short in a car accident on 2/9/2021. Avery's early years were spent enjoying family, friends, and the outdoors. He began playing golf with his granddad when he first learned to walk and loved joining him on the course and after to play alongside his granddad's friends. He never met a stranger and you could often find him sitting and talking with people much older than him. He loved music and began playing guitar in late elementary school and more recently joined choir with his peers. His high school years were spent playing golf, running track, fishing, and enjoying those around him. He had a huge heart for Jesus, his friends, and his family. He taught those around him what it meant to truly see people for who God created them to be and show unconditional love always. He forgave easily and wasn't afraid to share his life inside and out with anyone he crossed paths with. He loved and was loved by so many, but those that captured his heart and changed his life were his friends with disabilities. For those that knew Avery, knew that he had a huge smile, a contagious laugh, and a heart that loved people big.

The Avery Farmer Scholarship Mission Statement

Avery's biggest joy in life was to show others love and help brighten their day. To honor my precious son and his memory, we would love to provide this scholarship to a high school senior who has served their community and shown love in big ways by making a lasting impact in someone else's life.

Love,

Matt and Melissa Farmer





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Application Deadline: **March 20, 2022**

The Avery Farmer Scholarship is designed to assist a Martha Layne Collins High School student who intends to pursue a **postsecondary degree**. The scholarship monies will be awarded toward tuition and/or required books used in the course work at an accredited institution.

One student from Martha Layne Collins High School will be awarded a one-time \$5000.00 award. One student from Shelby County High School will be awarded a one time \$2500.00 award. Scholarship stipends are paid to the institution one time at the beginning of the first term and are non-renewable. The scholarship must be used during the year for which it was presented. Scholarship recipients must notify the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce of their intent to use scholarship funds by August 1, 2022 or the scholarship will be withdrawn and the monies awarded to an alternate applicant.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- The applicant must be a Martha Layne Collins High School senior.
- The applicant must express a passion for people and be able to articulate how he/she has “loved big like Avery”.
- The applicant must be accepted in a program at an accredited institution.

Regulations

Each applicant **must** submit the following:

1. Avery Farmer Scholarship Application
2. An official high school transcript
3. A resume (not to exceed one page) including the following:
 - (a) Personal Data
 - (b) Career Objective
 - (c) School and Community Activities
 - (d) Work Experience
4. An essay describing a passion for people. This essay should tell why this person exemplifies Avery’s biggest joys in life, which were to show love to others and to brighten their day. The applicant should give specific examples of how they have loved big in his/her community, school, etc. This essay should not exceed two pages.

***Prospective Applicants failing to submit the required materials by the due date will not be considered.**

Procedure

Each application will be reviewed by the Avery Farmer Scholarship committee. Selections will be made on the basis of the application, interview, essay, resume, scholastic performance, and overall need. Winner(s) and alternate(s) will be selected. The completed scholarship application, transcript, and resume must be received or postmarked by **March 20, 2022**. All materials must be submitted in one envelope at the same time or the applicant will be disqualified. Mail or deliver to:

Shelby County Chamber of Commerce
C/O Avery Farmer Scholarship
316 Main Street
Shelbyville, KY 40065

Avery Farmer Scholarship
Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Parents of Applicant _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Applicant's Employer (if working) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Technical School or College Attending _____

Location _____

Major Field of Study _____

Financial Aid Receiving (include KEES money):

Scholarships _____ Amount _____

_____ Amount _____

_____ Amount _____

Grants/Loans _____ Amount _____

_____ Amount _____

References: Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Essay to be **attached to application**