

Edwin Rush Memorial Scholarship Application

Applications due to SCHS counselors by Friday, April 27, 2018

Criteria:

- Must be a current Shelby County High School senior
- Minimum of a “B” average in all academic work
- Successfully dealt with sociological, physiological and/or economic challenges
- Possess and demonstrate good citizenship characteristics, such as working hard and showing determination
- Scholarship recipient must **maintain a grade average of “B” or better** and be enrolled as a full-time student, **taking a full load**, in a college or university to qualify for award each semester
- Special consideration given to candidates who are first generation college bound

Scholarship Specifics:

- Total scholarship amount is **\$10,000 over a four-year period (\$1,250 per semester)**
- Scholarship recipient is chosen by a scholarship committee comprised of SCHS administrators, counselors, and teachers
- Winner will be announced and presented with certificate at the SCHS Senior Night
- Proof of enrollment and semester grades must be sent to SCHS in order for funds to be released to college
- Funds sent directly to scholarship recipient’s college
- Scholarship is awarded for a **MAXIMUM of 4 years**

Edwin Rush taught “the sciences”—biology, chemistry, physics at Shelby County High in the 1950’s and 1960’s. He was dedicated to Shelby County High School and providing the best educational opportunities for his students. He selflessly gave up his personal time and financial resources to better his school. Mr. Rush was a favorite among the students because of his high standards, commitment to excellence, and warm sense of humor. He treated everyone with respect and dignity. Mr. Rush held high expectations for himself and his students. He challenged his students to work hard in order to achieve success in the classroom because he understood that knowledge and hard work were essential to success in life. He illustrated for his students the value of commitment and working hard to achieve the unachievable. To his students, Edwin Rush was more than a teacher; he was a mentor and role model.

The Edwin Rush Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Mr. Rush by recognizing and rewarding academic achievement and potential. The scholarship provides significant financial support towards obtaining a college degree for an individual who has demonstrated determination, persistence and desire in the face of sociological and economic challenges to achieve outstanding results in the classroom and in life.

Applicant Name: _____

College Attending: _____

Have you applied and been accepted to this college? Yes _____ No _____ If no, explain why _____

List any other scholarships and the amounts of each you have been offered _____

Please attach a 1-2-page typed essay that addresses the following:

- Future plans as it relates to your college major or field of study
- Future plans as it relates to your career goals
- Describe ways you have successfully dealt with significant sociological, physiological and/or economic challenges