



## Landon Padgett Memorial Scholarship

Academic Year 2025 - 2026

### **DESCRIPTION**

Six (6) non-renewable scholarships worth a minimum of \$2,000, awarded to Bleckley County High School seniors, to use at a nationally-accredited two or four-year college or university.

### **INFORMATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES**

1. Applicants must complete and file an official application and any required materials by the deadline date as pre-determined by the Board of Trustees of Landon Padgett Memorial Fund.
2. This award may be used for any educational expenses that a student may have in furthering his/her education. (Such as, but not limited to: tuition, books, room & board etc.).
3. Application and attachments must be complete and legible to ensure proper review.
4. All application materials must be submitted to Angie Knighton by **APRIL 3rd, 2026**.
5. Number and amount of scholarship award(s) in any given year is strictly subject to the discretion of the Board of Trustees of Landon Padgett Memorial Fund.

### **RECIPIENT**

- A. Applicant must be Bleckley County High School Senior in the graduating class of 2026.
- B. Applicant must be accepted and/or enrolled in a nationally-accredited two or four-year college or university.
- C. Applicant must agree to allow Landon Padgett Memorial Fund to share his/her story, images and/or videos in marketing materials and on social media if selected as an awardee.
- D. All qualified persons who submit an application form would be eligible for the scholarship regardless of gender, race, creed, color, sexual orientation or nationality.



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Please read the application form carefully. Provide all information requested on the application form.

RETURN ALL INFORMATION TOGETHER, EXCLUDING GRADES & TRANSCRIPTS, WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER SEPARATE COVER. NO APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED OR EMAILED LATER THAN **APRIL 3rd, 2026** WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED OR CONSIDERED.

**Please write legibly in blue or black ink. Applications that are illegible or incomplete will not be considered.**

## SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( ): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Preferred Name (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# ( ): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_



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Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 3: HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Are you currently a senior at Bleckley County High School? \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list awards, activities, organizations, part-time work (*attach additional sheet(s) if necessary*):

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### SECTION 4: COLLEGE INFORMATION

Name of college/university you plan to attend (do not use abbreviations): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you enrolled? \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated major area of study: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 5: OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES (*this section is optional*)

If applicable, please describe how and when any family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience or your participation in school and community activities.

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### SECTION 6: ESSAY QUESTION

On separate sheets of paper, please respond to the following essay topic. Applicants who do not specifically address this topic are ineligible. Your response to this essay should be 750 words or fewer, typewritten and returned with this application.

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James Landon Padgett was born and raised in Cochran, Georgia. He was a 2004 graduate of Bleckley County High School. He graduated from Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University before working as a nurse at Emory University Hospital, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and Grady Hospital. Landon helped save countless lives while also being an accomplished athlete and musician. He was compassionate, optimistic and adventurous. More than that, he was loyal and kind.

*Additional information about Landon's life and legacy is available at <http://www.landonpadgett.org>*

Drawing on your own experiences and accomplishments:

- Describe how you embody the passion, values and ideals exhibited by Landon in his life AND explain why this makes you deserving of a scholarship in Landon's memory
- Tell us how you hope to impact your community (as Landon did) in the next 5 years or so



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### SECTION 7: CHARACTER REFERENCES

Two (2) character references are required from adults who have adequate knowledge to provide information about the applicant. This includes (but is not limited to) teachers, coaches, employers, organization sponsors and spiritual leaders. We recommend sharing this section with your intended references so that they know what is expected.

#### Instructions for References:

This student is applying for a Landon Padgett Memorial Fund Scholarship – awarded annually to extraordinary students who exhibit Landon’s qualities and interests. You are being asked to provide a character reference to the Board of Trustees of Landon Padgett Memorial Fund. This information will help paint a picture of this applicant outside of the information provided in his/her application. So, please be thoughtful and thorough in your responses to these questions:

- How has the applicant impacted your life or the lives of others?
- Why does this applicant deserve this scholarship?

Your responses to each question should be:

1. 500 words or fewer
2. Typewritten
3. Kept confidential

When your responses are complete:

1. Seal the envelope
2. Sign along the seal
3. Write your name and the name of the applicant on the front of the envelope 4.

Return to applicant by **April 3rd, 2026**.



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### SECTION 8: AFFIRMATION AND SIGNATURE

I have read and understand the conditions of Landon Padgett Memorial Scholarships as explained in the ***Information for Scholarship Candidates***. I affirm that I plan to pursue a higher education degree after graduating from high school. I give permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration of the Landon Padgett Memorial Scholarship program. I understand that this application will be available only to the Board of Trustees and the scholarship selection committee. I waive the right to access character references written on my behalf. I affirm that all information in this application is my own work. No AI assistance was used in preparing this paper and its content was generated independently by the author. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Signature Date

**NOTE:** All materials must be submitted by **April 3rd, 2026**.

**Please submit all materials together to:**

**Angie Knighton, School Counselor**

**Materials to include:**

1. Completed application
2. Essay answer
3. Character references
4. Copy of acceptance letter or proof of enrollment from college or university
5. Official academic transcript may be submitted under separate cover