
SkyBest – Askins Legacy Scholarship

2021 Program Information and Application Form

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ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

On September 1, 1932, Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Askins, Sr. purchased Chesnee Telephone Company of Chesnee, South Carolina to provide telephone services to the town of Chesnee and area communities in Spartanburg and Cherokee counties. The Company had approximately 60 stations. Mr. Askins became President and Treasurer, and Mrs. Askins became Vice President and Secretary. Mr. Askins died in 1965, and Mrs. Askins was appointed President and Treasurer. Their son, Harold "Bud" W. Askins, Jr., was appointed Vice President, and their daughter, Hannah Askins Lancaster, was appointed Secretary. Upon the death of Mrs. Askins in 1992, Hannah Askins Lancaster assumed the position of President and Treasurer, and Harold "Bud" W. Askins, Jr. was appointed Vice President and Chief Executive Officer. From 1992-2017 Hannah and her husband, Curt Lancaster, assumed the responsibility of the day-to-day operations and management of the company. The Askins and Lancaster families dedicated their lives to this company, investing in its growth and expansion into new services such as cable TV and Internet while generously supporting the local community. In 2017, Chesnee Communications, a family owned business for 85 years, was acquired by SkyLine Membership Corporation of West Jefferson, North Carolina. To honor the family's legacy of service as a communications provider and community benefactor, Chesnee Communications' parent company, SkyBest Communications, Inc., is honored to sponsor the SkyBest – Askins Legacy Scholarship to provide educational opportunities to deserving Chesnee High School students requiring financial assistance. The SkyBest – Askins Legacy Scholarship assists children of Chesnee Communications' customers who exhibit outstanding scholastic abilities and motivation with the cost of their education. Annually two scholarships will be presented: a \$1,000 College/University scholarship, renewable over four years for a total value of \$4,000 and a \$500 Community/Technical College scholarship, renewable over two years for a total value of \$1,000.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be students whose parents are full-time residents in the Chesnee Communications service area and receive facilities-based service (telephone, internet or TV) from Chesnee Communications for a minimum of one year.
- Be graduating high school seniors (local public school, private school or home school) and reside full-time in the company's service area.
- Have qualified for entrance to a two-year community or technical college for the Community/Technical College Scholarship, or;
- Have qualified for entrance to a four-year college or university and have a minimum SAT score of 800 (critical reading and math) or a minimum ACT score of 19 (composite) for the College/University Scholarship.
- Be of college caliber in the judgment of their high school principal, counselor, scholarship committee or youth/community leader.

- Provide documentation exhibiting financial need.
- Exhibit high scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, and participation in school/community activities.

NOTE: Children of Chesnee Communications' employees are ineligible for consideration.

HOW TO APPLY

Along with a completed scholarship application, please include the following:

- Complete high school transcript, including the results of all college entrance exams.
- Summary of applicant's extracurricular activities.
- Letter of application in the student's own handwriting.

- Letter of recommendation from the high school principal, guidance counselor, teacher, youth leader or community leader.
- Official information regarding other scholarship awards the student has applied for or received.
- Information demonstrating financial need.
- Recent individual digital or print photo to be used for publication. (Please do not attach using staples or paper clips to print photo.)
- Submit all application materials noted above to your public high school guidance department or Chesnee Communications.

AWARD PROCEDURES

- Students attending local public schools will submit applications to their guidance department; students attending private school or home school will submit applications directly to Chesnee Communications. All applications will be reviewed, and nominees for each of the two- and four-year scholarships will be selected based on eligibility requirements.
- Nominees will be interviewed individually at Chesnee Communications Office by the scholarship and award committee.
- A company official will present the scholarship recipients at their school on awards day and a public announcement of the recipients will be made following the awards event.

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the SkyBest – Askins Legacy Scholarship Program, please call Chesnee Communications at (864) 461-2211.

SKYBEST – ASKINS LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Type of Scholarship (Please check one)

☐ College/University _____

☐ Community/Technical College _____

Home Telephone Number _____

High School _____

County of Residence _____

Name _____
Last First Middle Last 4 Digits of Social Security No.

Address _____
Street Box City State Zip Code

Email _____ Cell Phone # _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex: M ___ F ___ Married ___ Single ___

Father's Name _____ Living ___ Deceased ___
Last First Middle

Mother's Name _____ Living ___ Deceased ___
Last First Middle

I primarily live with my: Father ___ Mother ___ Both ___

Address of Father ___ or Mother ___ (if different from yours) _____

In the event you are selected, how would you like your parents' names listed? _____

Please list any children in family, including yourself, in chronological order:

Name (first)	Age	Grade	Place of Employment	Amount he/she contributes to family income	Married	Single	Living at home?

Additional information or comments: _____

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

Father's place of employment

Adjusted Gross Income (from most recent Income Tax Return)*

Mother's place of employment

Adjusted Gross Income (from most recent Income Tax Return)*

Please list other sources of income and amounts including Social Security, if any: _____

Please list other college scholarships you have received and the amounts: _____

(Please complete both sides of the application. If more space is needed, please attach an additional sheet.)

* 2020 Tax Return Form 1040, Line 8b. Please include a copy of this section of the tax return with this application.
This information will be filed in the school counselor's office.

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Name(s) of community/technical colleges or colleges/universities where you have been accepted _____

Name and address of college you plan to attend _____

Course of study you plan to pursue _____

Number of students in your high school graduating class _____ Your class rank _____

Class offices held and year _____

Honors received and year _____

Clubs you hold memberships in	Years	Club Offices Held	Years
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Involvement in sports or other school activities _____

Hobbies _____

Church you attend and activities involved (optional) _____

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to Chesnee Communications, Inc. to contact my school, if necessary, and to use my name and photograph in promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

- One recent individual print or digital photograph (wallet size) to remain the property of Chesnee Communications. To protect photograph, please enclose it in an envelope and include with your completed application. Digital photos may be emailed to the guidance department – please make note that it is for your scholarship application.
- Letter from applicant stating reason for applying for scholarship, including special needs or family circumstances and plans for the future.
- Letter of recommendation from high school principal, guidance counselor, teacher, youth leader or community leader.
- Complete high school transcript, including results of all college entrance exams.

Deadline for Scholarship: Thursday, April 1, 2021