

Tommy Long Class of '57 Scholarship Application

DEADLINE: February 12, 2024 **2024 SCHOLARSHIP: \$1,000**

Born in Pelion, SC, Rufus Thomas Long, known as Tommy Long, was a proud Class of 1957 graduate of Pelion High School. He was one of six children. After proudly serving his country in the U.S. Army, Tommy returned home to his family in Pelion, SC. He then became the plant manager at Pelion Manufacturing Plant, and he also enjoyed his time working at Shumpert's IGA in Pelion for many years. He had a strong work ethic and was skilled in many areas, as he handled payroll, financial books and mechanical repairs in one professional role he held. Of his many hobbies, all that knew Tommy shared that his favorite hobby was gardening. He loved his flowers, and often won many blue ribbons for them at the State Fair. Tommy Long established this scholarship fund via his will in an effort to benefit Lexington District One students in perpetuity.

Scholarship Criteria & Selection Process

In remembering Tommy Long, this scholarship will be awarded to a Lexington District One graduating senior who has excelled academically and shares some of his passions for life. Specific requirements are below:

- Lexington District One high school senior who will graduate in spring of current school year.
- Student will attend a two-year or four-year college immediately upon graduation to pursue a degree.
- Minimum GPA of 4.0 (or equivalent A) average is required in high school coursework.
- Student who has demonstrated a strong work ethic through work or school activities and coursework.
- Student who completes all application requirements thoroughly and thoughtfully.
- Preference will be given to a student who has financial need and provides documentation regarding this need (e.g., college scholarship & financial aid award letter from chosen college preferred).

Applicants will be selected by a Lexington One Educational Foundation Scholarship Committee based on information included in the scholarship application. Results will be announced at the appropriate high school awards ceremony in spring, which the scholarship recipient must attend.

Application Requirements / How to Apply

1. Complete the scholarship application including the short-response questions.
2. Request an official high school transcript from your Lexington District One High School Counseling Office to be included in the scholarship application packet.
3. Include additional documentation (if needed) that may be helpful to the scholarship selection committee (e.g., high school resume).
4. Include a copy of your College Scholarship & Financial Aid Award letter from your chosen college if you have received it. You may also submit other paperwork that documents financial need (e.g., free/reduced lunch paperwork).
5. Must attend the high school awards program that is scheduled in spring if selected for the scholarship.
6. Submit all requested information to the high school counseling office on or before the deadline.

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How the scholarship is awarded: Recipient must sign and return Educational Foundation's Scholarship Agreement Form (that is given to the recipient at the high school awards night) to the Lexington One Educational Foundation in order for checks to be processed in July and November (\$500 each). Checks are made payable to the chosen college/university and the scholarship recipient.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____ Class Rank (weighted): _____ GPA: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Have you received an official letter of acceptance for college admission? Yes No

College(s) where you applied for admission: _____

Anticipated area of study and career choice: _____

Have you received any financial aid or scholarship awards?

- Please note if you have applied for some, but have not yet received notification of any awards or grants.
- If yes, please list sources and amounts:

Have you worked while attending school? Yes No

- If yes, list employer and dates of employment: _____

How do you plan to pay for your college education?

Will your parents or other family members assist you and/or any of your siblings with college expenses next school year? If yes, please provide details.



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Annual Family Income: _____

List your active memberships in school clubs, activities and/or service organizations. (In addition, you may include a resume.)

SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS

Please give short responses to the following questions. Additional pages may be attached if needed. Please submit typed responses.

- 1) Upon high school graduation, Tommy Long served his country by enlisting in the U.S. Army and then became a dedicated employee who worked hard and gave back to his beloved community of Pelion. Please share how you have demonstrated a strong commitment to work in school and an example of how you have supported your school and/or your community.

- 2) Tommy Long had a number of personal hobbies, but he particularly loved gardening. Please write a brief response regarding a personal hobby of yours and why you are passionate about it.



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Please share with the scholarship selection committee why you would be a deserving recipient of the Tommy Long Memorial Scholarship. Please include any information regarding financial hardships you have encountered, which will be challenges to you in the future as you pursue a college education.

I have read and understand the conditions of the Rufus Tommy Long Class of '57 Memorial Scholarship as explained in the current scholarship application. I affirm that all information submitted in my application is accurate and true and that I agree to the terms of the scholarship if it is awarded to me.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____