



MAYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP I

Lexington High School

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: February 10, 2026

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Carrie Mayer-Cowan and Benjamin Mayer. Carrie was a 1994 Honor Graduate of Lexington High School and Benjamin was a 2000 Honor Graduate of LHS.

While at LHS, Carrie was an active participant in student government, a varsity cheerleader, and a member of the LHS Track Team. She also participated in the Teacher Cadet program. In 1998 she graduated from the College of Charleston with a bachelor's degree in Biology.

Following graduation, Carrie chose a career path that allowed her to fulfill her passion for the earth's oceans and for all of nature. For two years, she worked as a Marine Science Educator for the Catalina Island Marine Institute, off the coast of Los Angeles, CA. During that time, she was also an Education Intern at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Upon leaving Catalina, she taught Marine Science at the Marine Resources Development Foundation of Key Largo, FL.

Soon afterward she began to share her passion for wildlife with students in the public schools of South Carolina. While teaching at St. John's High School in Charleston County and then at Hanahan High School in Berkeley County, she pursued a degree in Educational Leadership at the Citadel. Carrie was a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington, the SC Marine Educator's Association and the SC Wildlife Federation. She was married to Joe Cowan.

While at LHS, Benjamin was a member of the 1999 State Champion SAT Team and the Wildcat Staff. He was a National Merit Commended Student. In 2004 he graduated from Clemson University with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

Benjamin was employed with Mabry Engineering of Columbia. He was a member of and often volunteered with the SC Wildlife Federation. He was a gifted artist and writer with a passion for life and possessed natural warmth that brought a smile to all he encountered. Benjamin was a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Lexington.

Carrie and Benjamin's parents, Charles A. and Nancy Jo Harmon Mayer have both been employees of Lexington School District One. Charles Mayer was an Assistant Principal at Lexington High School for 20 years. Jo Mayer was a classroom teacher for many years, Assistant Principal at Gilbert High School for five years, and the Principal of White Knoll High School for seven years. She also served as Director of Employee Quality for the district.



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Who is eligible to apply for this scholarship?

- The \$1,000 scholarship is available for a **Lexington High School** graduating senior.
- Applicants must have a 3.5 grade point average and an 1150 SAT or 24 ACT.
- This scholarship is for a student pursuing a college degree in science education or engineering at a four-year college or university in South Carolina.

General Rules

- Applicants will be judged on character, sincerity of purpose, achievement and academics.
- The scholarship is issued one time only and is not renewable.
- The scholarship award will be paid directly to the selected award winner's college or university and will include the student's college identification number on it.

How to Apply:

Return the completed application to the Counseling Department on or before **February 10, 2026**

with the following attachments:

1. Academic transcript
2. Two letters of recommendation including one from each of the following:
 - a. Teacher or school counselor
 - b. Community member such as a pastor or employer
3. Two short essays (2-4 paragraphs each) with responses to the following questions:
 - a. State your career goals and reasons for choosing your field of study.
What circumstances or which individuals have influenced your choice?
 - b. Explain why you should receive this scholarship and what it would mean to you if you were chosen as this year's scholarship award recipient.



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Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Father's Occupation _____ Mother's Occupation _____

No. of Brothers/Sisters Living at Home _____ Ages _____

Annual Family Income _____

Which college/university do you plan to attend? _____

Anticipated area of study _____

Future career plans _____

Have you received other scholarships or grants? _____

If yes, list sources and amounts: _____

Have you been employed at any time while attending school? _____

If yes, list employer and dates: _____

List memberships/involvement in school, community, church and/or civic organizations:



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Write a short essay (2-4 paragraphs responding to the following questions listed below. Please include on a separate piece of paper and type your responses. Handwritten submissions that are illegible will not be accepted.

1. State your career goals and reasons for choosing your field of study. What circumstances or which individuals have influenced your choice?
2. Explain why you should receive this scholarship and what it would mean to you if you were chosen as this year's scholarship award recipient.

Provide two recommendations:

1. One from a teacher or school counselor
2. One from a community member such as a pastor or employer.

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS THOROUGHLY.

ATTACH ESSAYS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPLICATION.

Signature of Applicant

Date

NOTE: The information provided on this application will be kept confidential and will only be used by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee to determine scholarship recipients.