



Joseph Miller and Eric Dooley Memorial Scholarship

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10, 2026

2025 Scholarship: \$1,000

Albert J. Dooley, Sr. (A.J.) and Connie Dooley were lifelong pillars of the Lexington community known for their faith, compassion and dedication to service. Married for 55 years, they raised six children in Lexington: Bert, Allen, Sandra, Eric, Nancy and their foster son, Robert Miller.

A.J., with the steadfast support of Connie, served the Lexington community in many roles as a lawyer, Sunday School teacher, member of the House of Representatives, State Senator, Lexington School District One Board of Trustees member, and member of countless other boards. A.J. was the founder of the Lexington Youth Football program and invested his time and resources into building opportunities for local youth. Community service was always a hallmark of both of their lives, and they believed education was the key to making our community better.

Connie passed away in 2006 at the age of 75, and AJ followed in 2022 at the age of 92. Upon their deaths, they gifted funds to the Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation to establish scholarships named in memory of their grandson, Joseph Miller and their son, Eric Dooley.

Joseph Miller died unexpectedly on July 13, 1997, at the age of 16, shortly after completing his sophomore year at Lexington High School. An undiagnosed health condition claimed his life, leaving a void that can never be filled. Joseph was a humble young man with a quick, dry wit and a smile capable of brightening even the hardest day. He was an excellent student, son, brother, cousin, and friend. A baptized and confirmed member of St. David Lutheran Church, he was actively involved in many of its ministries. Although he had not yet chosen a career path, he knew he wanted to follow in his older brother's footsteps and attend Clemson University.

Eric Dooley, A.J. and Connie's fourth child, passed away in 1969 at only 16 months of age from a rare form of cancer. During this heartbreaking time, the Dooley family relied on their unwavering faith and the support of their community to help them endure such a profound loss.

The Joseph Miller and Eric Dooley scholarship was established to honor their beloved son and grandson and to continue A.J. and Connie's legacy by supporting students who embody their values of hard work, education, service and love for their community. Their lifelong belief that education is the foundation for a better future will continue to inspire and uplift generations to come through this scholarship.



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Scholarship Criteria & Selection Process

In remembering Joseph Miller and Eric Dooley, this scholarship will be awarded to a Lexington District One graduating senior who will graduate from Lexington High School or River Bluff High School and shares some of the family's values and interests. Specific requirements are below:

1. Lexington District One Lexington or River Bluff High School senior who will graduate in May of the current school year.
2. Student will attend a two-year or four-year college that is located in South Carolina immediately upon graduation to pursue a college degree.
3. Must have a weighted GPA average that is no higher than a 4.0 in high school coursework.
4. Student who has demonstrated a commitment to community service and/or church activities.
5. Student of good character as is referenced in a letter of recommendation from a non-family member, such as a teacher, pastor or work supervisor.
6. Student who completes all application requirements thoroughly and thoughtfully.

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 May, which the scholarship recipient must attend.

Application Requirements / How to Apply

1. Complete the scholarship application including the short-response questions, attached requirements, and a letter of recommendation from a non-family member.
2. Request an official high school transcript from your high school's Counseling Office to be included in the scholarship application packet.
3. Include additional documentation that may be helpful to the scholarship selection committee (e.g., high school resume).
4. Submit all requested information to the high school Counseling Office on or before the deadline.

The winner should plan to attend the high school awards program that is scheduled in May if selected for the scholarship. (High School Counseling teams will notify recipients in advance.)

How the scholarship is awarded

Recipient must sign and return the 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 or university and the scholarship recipient's name and college ID are noted on the check.



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Name: _____
First Middle Last Suffix

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

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

Phone: _____ Email (personal): _____

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

Have you received any official letters of acceptance for college admission yet? YES NO

College(s) where you applied for admission: _____

Anticipated area of study and career choice: _____

Please include a typed list of your participation in community service or church activities on a separate page or on an enclosed resume.

SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS

Please submit typed, short responses to the following three questions. Be sure that your name, high school name, and the scholarship name are all listed in the header to your responses.

- 1) Please share with the scholarship committee how your involvement in community service and/or church activities has impacted your life.
- 2) Please share your future career plans including intended college major and why you have chosen this path for your future.
- 3) Please share with the scholarship selection committee why you would be a deserving recipient of the Joseph Miller and Eric Dooley 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 Joseph Miller and Eric Dooley 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.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____