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Lewis Nathaniel Simpkins Memorial Scholarship

2026 Scholarship Application

This scholarship is administered by the Lexington County School District One Educational Foundation.

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This scholarship was established in 2016 as a loving memorial tribute to Lewis Nathaniel Simpkins by local business owners Willis “BJ” and Edna Langley of McDonald’s (Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC location).

Lewis was a beloved son, brother, athletic scholar, and man of valor! As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and an ambassador for His will, 14-year-old Lewis Nathaniel Simpkins of Lexington, South Carolina, died August 10, 2016 after collapsing during football practice. Born August 21, 2001 in Greenville, South Carolina, he was the son of Willie Simpkins and Shonda Simpkins. In 2010, he was baptized by water in Williams Creek, Hamilton, AL, and on July 22, 2016 he rededicated his life to Christ while attending a Fellowship of Christian Athletics’ camp in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

In the community, he was a member of Word of God Church & Ministries International, Lexington Dixie Youth Baseball, South Carolina Baseball Academy, and the Pleasant Hill Student Council (2014-2015). He attended River Bluff High (Class of 2019) where he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, concert band and football team. As a musician, Lewis played the trumpet as well as percussion. Lewis was scheduled to tour Clemson University International Center of Automotive Research (CUICAR) on September 12, 2016, as he had plans to apply to Clemson’s school of engineering in 2017. Outside of Lewis’ aspiration to study and become an automotive design engineer, he was inspired to play professional baseball and football.

Lewis personified the character of Christ in all he lived to accomplish. From his smile to the abundance of laughter, to have met him, was to love him! His passion outside of his faith was helping and encouraging his fellow peers while always being respectful to those in authority.



Bulletin of Information

Who is eligible for this scholarship?

- 1.) The **\$1,000.00** scholarship is available for a graduating senior student that attends either **River Bluff High School** or **Lexington High School**.
- 2.) Applicants must have a 3.0 grade point average and minimum SAT score of 1100 or 24 ACT.
- 3.) This scholarship is for students pursuing a degree in **mathematical science, technology, or engineering** at a two-year or four-year accredited 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 by a check made to the selected award winner's institution of higher education and include the student's information on it.

How to Apply:

The following **MUST** be included with your application:

1. Completed Application (signed & dated)
2. Official and Sealed Academic Transcript
3. Official and Sealed Copies of SAT and/or ACT scores (Must be in sealed envelope from High School Counseling Office)
4. Two Letters of Recommendation
 - a. Teacher or High School Counselor
 - b. Community member such as a Pastor or Employer
5. Two short essays (2-4 paragraphs each) with responses to the following:
 - a. State your career goals and reasons for choosing your field of study. What circumstances or individuals have influenced your choice?
 - b. Explain why you should receive this scholarship and what it means to you.

Qualified students should **return the completed application to the High School Counseling & Advisement Office on or before the February 10, 2026 deadline.**

Candidate Application



First Name Last Name

Street Address

City State Postal Code

Date of Birth High School Name

Contact Phone 1 Contact Number 2

Email Address 1 Email Address 2

Parent(s) or Guardian Name

Father's Occupation Mother's Occupation

Number of siblings living at home in college Ages

Annual Family Household Income

SC College or University that you plan to attend

Website Address to college which you plan to attend

Anticipated area of study

Future career plans

Have you received other scholarships? If yes, list source and amount.

Have you been employed at any time while attending school?

If yes, list employer and dates.

NOTE: Include additional document if more space is needed for responses to questions above.

List involvement in school, community, church and/or organizations (attachment acceptable).

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS THOROUGHLY.

- 1. Write a short essay (2-4 paragraphs) stating your career goals and reasons for choosing your field of study. What circumstances or what individuals have influenced your choice?**
- 2. Write a short essay (2-4 paragraphs) on why you should receive this scholarship and what it means to you.**
- 3. Provide one recommendation from a teacher or counselor and one recommendation from a community leader, such as a pastor or employer.**

DON'T FORGET TO ATTACH ESSAYS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO APPLICATION. "FINISH STRONG!"

I have read and understand the conditions of the Lewis Nathaniel Simpkins Memorial Scholarship as explained in the current Award Application for Scholarship and the current Bulletin of Information. I affirm that I plan to pursue a career in mathematical science, technology, or engineering as defined in those documents. I give permission to officials of Lexington School District One to review and verify my application and its contents for the sole purpose of determining a recipient.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please Print Name