

The Leroy Steed Educational Scholarship
Richmond County Neighborhood Associations Alliance, Inc.
Post Office Box 268
Gracewood, Georgia 30812

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE:

The Leroy Steed Scholarship Fund of the Augusta-Richmond County Neighborhood Associations Alliance, Inc. was founded in 1999 by the members of the Alliance. Members of the Alliance believed that Mr. Steed possessed distinguished traits that deserved emulation by future generations. Furthermore, Mr. Steed had the dream of involving the Alliance in the process of providing scholarships to high school students. The Alliance took the position that focuses its attention on scholarships, which is the best method to encourage high school students to continue their education and to commemorate Mr. Steed.

The scholarships are awarded for outstanding essays that demonstrate moral fiber which reflect an appreciation of the exemplary character and soldierly virtues of Mr. Steed. Essays are judged with emphasis on accuracy, research and the ability to express one's thought in writing.

2. THE ESSAY:

The length of the essay is very important; however, the quality of the essay is more important. One must demonstrate a good understanding of the writing process and skills. The topic, ideas, and points should be well developed. We seek clear, well-expressed, original essays.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Three (3) recommendations are required. Two (2) must be High School teacher recommendations and one (1) community recommendation.

4. ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants classified as seniors in the Richmond County Public School System may apply. Applicants should not have received a Leroy Steed Scholarship in the past, must be residents of Augusta-Richmond County, and have attended a Richmond County high school during both junior and senior years. They must also plan to attend an accredited college or university, junior college, or technical school in the United States.

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Scholarship Information 2026

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

- A. Scholarships of \$ 1,000.00 will be awarded to the winning seniors from high schools in the Richmond County Public School System.
- B. The essay must be double-spaced and in 12-font type. Your 500-word essay must be typed and submitted on white 8 ½ by 11 (Letter Size) paper.
- C. Each contestant must submit two teacher recommendations on school letterhead stationery and one school counselor letter and one community or church recommendation letter. These letters must be included with the application in sealed envelopes.
- D. The School Counselor will receive your scholarship which must be submitted by December 5, 2025.
- E. Applications will be picked up by the Scholarship Committee on Monday, December 8, 2025. Any questions may be directed to Rev. Charles N. Utley at 706-772-5558, Rev. Dolly Jones 478-494-9804, Dr. LC Miles 706-951-8318 or Rev. Dr. Jonavon Harris 706-513-1683.

The winners of the essay and a parent (guardian) will receive a complimentary banquet ticket. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased at the cost of \$ 65.00 each.

The banquet will be held at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 1714 Olive Rd, Augusta, GA 30901, on February 27, 2026, at 7:00 pm. All the finalists must attend and be dressed in business attire.

- F. All scholarships will be rewarded upon receiving the notification of Your College or Technical Institution Enrollment by mail from the institution that you have **enrolled** in by mail to RCNAA Scholarship Committee, Post Office Box 268, Gracewood, GA 30312.

To receive the scholarship, winners must be enrolled by the deadline of December 31, 2026. If the funds are not received by this deadline the funds will be forfeited.

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THE LEROY STEED EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

(Blue or Black Ink)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate/Cell Number: _____

High School Currently Attending: _____

College/Technical School you plan to attend? _____

What will your major be? _____

List at least three (3) community, civic, social and/or church affiliations and/or responsibilities.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature of School Counselor: _____

Date: _____

RICHMOND COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS ALLIANCE, INC.
ESSAY FOR 2026
TOPIC
"Unlock Your Future With The Keys Of Education"

Things to consider for writing an effective essay that will be considered in the evaluation process:

Introduction (Subject)

Body. First Point. Second Point. Third Point.

Conclusion (summary)

Writing Tips For Essay:

1. Start writing early - the earlier the better
2. Keep the essay question in mind
3. Don't try to write an essay from beginning to end, especially not in a single sitting ...
4. Write the introduction and conclusion after the body
5. Use 'signpost' words in your writing
6. Integrate your evidence carefully.

Essay should be 500 words, double-spaced, APA Style, (APA style is a widely used academic and scientific style for formatting and writing) 12-point font size, 8 ½ x 11 letter size paper.

Topics to choose from:

1. **What 'Key of education will you use to unlock your future and how will you use that 'Key'?**
2. **How does your knowledge and understanding of the United States Constitution shape how you see your future at the community, state and federal levels?**
3. **How has your experience with your teacher, counselor, athletics department etc. contributed to your knowledge in what can be achieved in your ability to grow in your future?**
4. **How has your experience with your community, church or social organization contributed to your knowledge in what can be achieved in your ability to grow in your future?**
5. **Describe a challenging subject or concept you struggled with, the strategies you used to overcome it, and the valuable lessons learned about perseverance and critical thinking.**