Eligibility Requirements

Candidate must be a current resident of Sampson County and attend a school in the county for both junior and senior years of high school

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Candidate must be a current resident of Sampson County, attended a school in the county for both junior and senior years of high school, and be either a Sampson Community College GATEWAY Scholar or an associate degree candidate for graduation from Sampson Community College.

Candidate must plan to attend an accredited private liberal arts college outside the state of North Carolina.

Candidate must have an unmet financial aid need.

Candidate must rank in the top 25% of his/her graduating class.

Acceptance Requirements

Recipient will attend a summer “Outward Bound” experience.

Recipient must maintain a 2.3 grade point average for his/her freshman year. In subsequent years recipient must maintain a 2.7 grade point average.

Recipient will attend a college budgeting workshop.

Recipient must not be on academic probation, must not have disciplinary sanctions and should always take the course load amount to be considered a full time student.

Recipient must submit a current college billing statement and standard cost of attendance information.

Recipient must sign a publicity and photography waiver.

Recipient must submit an official college transcript each year showing eligibility requirements are met.

Recipient must submit FAFSA/CSS Profile information and information on any grants from the university or other scholarships annually.

Recipient must visit identified high schools in Sampson County while in session to tell about the student's college experience and The Simple Gifts Scholarship.

Recipient must commit to promoting the Simple Gifts Scholarship experience through social media and local media.

If a selected scholar is found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution the scholar may have his/her scholarship revoked. This policy will apply to the scholar from the 9th grade forward regardless if the violation resulted from academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct.