

**ALBERTUS “BOOTS” & ELEANOR VAN DUREN
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Eligibility:

To be eligible to apply for a scholarship award from the Albertus “Boots” & Eleanor Van Duren Memorial Scholarship Fund, you must:

1. Be a student in the graduating class of a high school or its related equivalent, or a student currently enrolled in an accredited American college, university, or community college.
2. Be a resident of the state of Florida.
3. Have served as an employee of the Florida Elks Youth Camp summer camp program for one season and been hired for a second season. These two seasons do not need to be consecutive, but applicants cannot apply unless they have been hired for a second season.
4. On a grading scale of 1.0 to 4.0, applicant must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better. If the applicant does not have a 3.0 GPA but feels that they will have it prior to the awarding of funds in February, they should still apply in a timely fashion and include a written explanation as to how they plan on achieving the 3.0 GPA.

Competition:

Boys and girls will compete for identical awards.

Number of Awards and Amounts:

Annually, the Florida State Elks Association (FSEA) will offer scholarships, valued at up to \$10,000 per recipient, to any accredited American college, university, or community college. These scholarships are funded by income derived from the “Van Duren Trust” with total funding expected to be approximately \$50,000 per year. At no time will total annual scholarships awarded exceed funds that have been made available from the “Trust”.

Judging Criteria:

Scholarship, Performance Evaluation, Leadership, and Financial Need are the criteria by which applicants will be judged. Students of outstanding merit have the best chance to win our awards. Experience indicates that students with a scholarship rating of 90% or better, a relative standing in the upper 10% of their class, who have received an acceptable evaluation for their summer camp performance at our Youth Camp, and who have exhibited leadership ability, generally qualify in the group given final consideration.

Scoring:

The following Merit Standards will prevail:

Scholarship	400 points
Florida Elks Youth Camp Service Evaluation	300 points
Leadership	200 points
Financial Need	<u>100 points</u>
 TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	 1,000 points

The Scholarship:

The scholarship award will be in the form of an award letter presented to each successful applicant. It is presented with the understanding that the recipient will enroll in a 4-year undergraduate program of study at an accredited American college or university (The first two (2) years of the 4-year program may be at a 2-year college/community college). Upon the receipt of verification of enrollment and proof of class attendance from the proper school officials, the FSEA will issue a check in the amount of the award, which will be forwarded to the college, university, or community college to establish a credit in the name of the recipient.

Restrictions on Use of Scholarships:

There is no restriction currently on the use of the scholarship. It may be utilized for tuition, books, lab fees, tutoring, room & board, transportation, food, uniforms, etc.

Verification of Use of Scholarship Funds:

Scholarship recipients will be required to provide the FSEA with documentation and receipts for use of all scholarship funds. These documents and receipts will be reviewed by the Van Duren Scholarship Committee for accuracy and in some cases further verification of the use of the funds may be requested by the Committee.

Applications for Successive Scholarships:

Each scholarship student must complete and submit a new "renewing" scholarship application each year. A maximum of four (4) scholarships are available to any applicant and these scholarships may be used for either undergraduate or graduate studies.

All applicants wishing to apply for successive scholarships must continue to be employed by the Florida Elks Youth Camp and provide to the FSEA:

1. Receipts verifying use of the previous year's scholarship funds
2. Report of grades reflecting earned credit hours since the last application

Note: Applicants will only be eligible for successive scholarships if they have maintained a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or better.

Unacceptable Conduct:

All scholarship recipients are expected to be good citizens of their community. These principles of law and order and morality are supported by the Order of the Elks. Therefore, unexpended credit is subject to withdrawal by the FSEA if the conduct of the student is contrary to these principles.

Applications Become Property of the FSEA:

After completing this application, please save a copy of it for your records. All applications become the property of the Florida State Elks Association.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RENEWING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

1. Applications must be submitted on the current official four-page scholarship application form. The application must be dated and signed by the student (Page 1).
2. Typewritten applications are preferred over handwritten submissions. Unsigned or incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.
4. It is preferable that exhibits such as awards and media items be copies.
5. When completing the application form, carefully plan a response to each item before typing the final draft. Pay close attention to the requirements for each section and secure all required dates.
6. If more room is needed to complete your responses for pages 2, 3, or 4, you may continue them on one (1) separate sheet referring in the application that they are continued. On the added sheet, type the heading for the question(s) whose answer(s) is(are) being continued on it. Include this sheet as the fifth page of your application.
7. Official current college transcripts must be submitted with your application. They must bear the original signature of the proper school authority. Transcripts must cover student grades from the beginning of the second semester of your senior year in high school/home school through the due date of the application. Photocopies are acceptable.
8. Your application package may contain up to three (3) pages of copies or exhibits depicting achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, or other activities.
9. The application package including all attachments must be suitably bound on the left side and it should be arranged in the following order:
 - Four-page application form. (The scholarship application consists of only four pages. Please do not include the introductory and instructional pages i through iii with your application.)
 - Answer continuation page for application form (One page if needed)
 - Official College Transcript and grades from your final semester in high school/home school (Report of grades reflecting earned credit hours, final grades for 2024/25, and cumulative grade point average.)
 - Exhibits (Optional) (Up to three pages)
 - Original receipts for expenditures paid with the prior year's scholarship grant (if not already submitted)

Honors and Awards Earned in the Past Year

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors and awards earned during the past year and state the nature of each award.

1. _____ 10. _____
2. _____ 11. _____
3. _____ 12. _____
4. _____ 13. _____
5. _____ 14. _____
6. _____ 15. _____
7. _____ 16. _____
8. _____ 17. _____
9. _____ 18. _____

Positions of Leadership in the Past Year

State name of organization and position held.

1. _____ 5. _____
2. _____ 6. _____
3. _____ 7. _____
4. _____ 8. _____

Activities and Organizations You Participated in the Past Year

Include all scholastic, extracurricular, and civic organizations you participated in. You may include those listed in the Positions of Leadership section.
Please give the name of the organization in which you were involved.

1. _____ 6. _____
2. _____ 7. _____
3. _____ 8. _____
4. _____ 9. _____
5. _____ 10. _____

Employment History

List jobs you held last summer. Including baby-sitting and work for a family business.

Type of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Approx. Hrs. /Week

List jobs held during the current school year. Include applicable jobs listed above. Including baby-sitting and work for a family business.

Type of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment	Approx. Hrs. /Week

Community Service

List volunteer work or community service you performed without pay during the last 4 years.

Kind of Work	Name of Agency or Organization	Dates of Participation	Total Hours of Service

Florida Elks Youth Camp Employment History

Years served as a Counselor in Training (CIT), Counselor, or Employee

Career/College Plans

Outline your career and college plans as they relate to your current course of study.

Other Scholarship Aid

Have you been granted any other scholarship aid yet for 2024/25? Yes No If yes, give details:

Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college or university you are attending?

Yes No If yes, give details:
