



Brandi Milburn Paden Memorial Scholarship

The Brandi Milburn Paden Memorial Scholarship was created to celebrate the legacy of Brandi Milburn Paden, a cherished member of the Shelby County community. Her life was a testament to caring for others and she encompassed a spirit of adventure, joy, and resilience. Each year, this scholarship is granted to a student who reflects the remarkable qualities that defined Brandi's character—dedication to education, a passion for service, and a commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of those around them. Recipients of this scholarship are encouraged to pursue their dreams with the same vigor and enthusiasm that Brandi exemplified in her own life.

Award Amount: \$2,500

Eligibility: Open to graduating high school seniors that live in Shelby County who plan to pursue a degree in education at an accredited college, university.

Due By: May 12th, 2026

Criteria for Selection: Applicants will be evaluated based on how they reflect Brandi's values and life:

- **Spirit for adventure:** Someone that will explore new horizons with curiosity and courage seeking out promise of growth and discovery, and learning something new.
- **Caring for others:** Evidence of nurturing and demonstrating empathy and compassion. Displaying concern for the well-being of those around you.
- **Resilience:** Encompassing the inner strength that enables you to weather life's storms and bounce back from adversity. It's the determination to keep moving forward, learning and growing from challenges, and finding the silver lining even in difficult situations. Resilience is the quiet courage that fuels perseverance and hope.
- **Joy:** An uplifting person that fills the heart with warmth and light, often finding joy in simple moments of gratitude and appreciation. True joy displayed in everyday experiences.

Through this scholarship, Shelby County Community Charity aims to keep Brandi's memory alive by empowering a student to embody these cherished qualities and make a positive impact in the world. By investing in the education of promising young individuals, the charity hopes to inspire a new generation that carries forward the legacy of kindness, exploration, and resilience that Brandi held dear. The information provided on this form will be used by the Shelby County Community Charity Scholarship Committee to select one recipient. It is important that you give complete details concerning your college/career plans, activities and financial information.

BASIC INFORMATION

Student's Full / Legal Name *

First Name

Last Name

Student's Address *

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City **Student's Phone Number *** State / Province

Postal / Zip Code Area Code Country Phone Number

Student's E-mail *

example@example.com

Gender *

Academics

Academic GPA *

Schools to which you are applying

School 1 *

School 2

School 3

Major(s) You Are Considering

In order of preference, list the major(s) you are considering (Very important for scholarship eligibility).

Major 1 *

Major 2

REFERENCES:

Please list one educator and at least one community person who would recommend you for a scholarship. Please attach letters below.

Reference 1 Name (Position,Phone Number, email) *

Reference 2 Name (Position,Phone Number, email) *

SCHOOL / COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / WORK / EXPERIENCE/SPORTS/AWARDS/ETC:

List name of club, any leadership roles, and years of participation. If you volunteered, list the name of organization and the number of hours, weeks and/or years that you volunteered. If you've worked, list the company, hours per week and length of time. Attach an additional sheet or resume if necessary.

School Activities (not sports)

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Community Service / Volunteer Activities 1 (at school)

Community Service / Volunteer Activities 2 (outside of school)

Community Service / Volunteer Activities 3 (outside of school)

Sports Participation 1

Sports Participation 2

Will you be participating in a sport(s) after high school?

Yes

No

Travel Experience or Unusual Experiences (study abroad, etc.)

School / Community Awards and Honors 1 (no matter how small) CSF, GSE, National Honor Society, Girl/Boy Scouts, 4-H, Governor's Scholar, etc.

School / Community Awards and Honors 2

School / Community Awards and Honors 3

EMPLOYMENT 1: List past and present work and length of time employed.

EMPLOYMENT 2: List past and present work and length of time employed.

STUDENT STATEMENT: In a few sentences, describe yourself. *

Have you ever assisted or volunteered with one of our Shelby County Community Golf Charity events? *

Yes

No

If yes, please give details:

Needs-based Scholarships Parent Financial Information

All information supplied by you will be treated as confidential.

Directions

Stepparent/guardian information may replace Mother or Father's information: Please report earnings for the parent/stepparent who the student has lived with most of the time (over 50%) in the past twelve months. If the student lives with both parents equally, then provide answers about the parent/stepparent who provides the most financial support.

Father/Stepfather/Guardian Name *

Father/Stepfather Employer and Occupation *

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian Name *

Mother/Stepmother Employer and Occupation: *

First generation to attend college? *

Yes

No

Father/Stepfather Annual Income : *

Mother/Stepmother Annual Income : *

Other income that can be used for educational purposes (inheritance, college funds, etc)-do not include home equity, IRA's or other retirement accounts (optional):

Other Income Type 1:

Other Income Amount 1:

Other Income Type 2:

Other Income Amount 2:

Please explain any financial circumstances that have impacted your choice to earn degree. *

STUDENT STATEMENT: How would receiving this scholarship impact your ability to pursue your degree in education? *

Have you earned any KEES Money? *

Yes

No

SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED TO DATE 1

AMOUNT 1

SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED TO DATE 2

AMOUNT 2

Choosing to pursue a degree in education:

Everyone who knew Brandi recognized her deep love for teaching and the enthusiasm she brought to her students every single day. Please take a moment to answer the following questions to help us understand your motivation for pursuing further education as a teacher. Short statements no more than five sentences.

STUDENT STATEMENT: How do you plan to give back to your community as a teacher? *

STUDENT STATEMENT: What qualities do you believe make an exceptional educator, and how do you embody those qualities? *

STUDENT STATEMENT: What do you think is the biggest challenge facing education today and how do you hope to address it as a teacher? *

Essay Questions

Please answer the following essay questions, and upload separate files below. (Requirements: minimum 500 words each)

1. What was the most difficult event you have encountered in your life and what did you do to overcome it?
2. Name a person who has inspired you to become a teacher and why?

Submission Time

Month Day Year Hour Minutes