



**South Carolina Association of
Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows**
Mrs. Teresa L. Thurmond, President

SCAMWMW ACADEMIC Scholarship 2026



Who can apply?

This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors that plan to pursue higher education at an accredited college, university, or seminary. Applicants must be the children or grandchildren of members of the South Carolina Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows.

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded.

**Applications due
March 31, 2026**

Apply Today!

For more information email
mfwhawkins@aol.com

Reverend Marcia Hawkins, Dean
Mrs. Andrea Gary, Assistant Dean

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Dear Applicant,

On behalf of the South Carolina Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows Alliance (SCAMWMW), we would like to express our gratitude for your interest in this scholarship opportunity.

SCAMWMW is dedicated to advancing our great state by sharing its rich, diverse culture with people from all walks of life. Our mission is centered on walking in the light of God's love through prayer, communication, collaboration, and connection. As part of our commitment, we prioritize supporting children's education and understand that financial barriers can often prevent young people from completing their first year of college.

To address this, our scholarships are specifically designed to assist the children or grandchildren of SCAMWMW members. These scholarships are intended for deserving students who are pursuing higher education at an accredited college, university, or seminary.

Applicants must demonstrate outstanding achievements, financial need, or extenuating circumstances. In addition, recipients of the SCAMWMW Academic Scholarship must be actively involved in their church, have a strong moral character, and show a commitment to their faith community.

To ensure a smooth application and selection process, please complete all required information on the Applicant Personal Information Sheet and submit it along with any necessary documents to the committee via email by Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Scholarship recipients will be notified via an award confirmation letter after the announcement at the State Conference, April 17-18. Please review the required items carefully and ensure all necessary documents are provided to avoid disqualification.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the student must be enrolled as a full-time student. The scholarship funds will be distributed once the Verification of Enrollment document is received. The award letter will include instructions on where to send the verification.

Thank you,

The South Carolina Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows
Reverend Marsha Hawkins, Dean
Mrs. Andrea Gary, Assistant Dean



Applicant Personal Information Sheet

Please Type

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

High School and Scholastic Information

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

High School Cumulative GPA: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities (school and community):

Hobbies/Skills:

List offices/activities which might demonstrate leadership abilities:

College or University Information

College you are attending: _____
(Verification of acceptance must be attached to the application)

College Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Anticipated Major: _____



Parent/Guardian Information

Father's (Guardian) Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Mother's (Guardian) Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Number of Brothers: _____ Number of Sisters: _____

Are there any extenuating circumstances which might hinder furthering your education? (Please Explain):

Church Affiliation

Church Name: _____

Church Address: _____

Church Phone Number: _____

Church Email (if applicable): _____

Pastor: _____

Pastor's Wife: _____

Describe your church involvement/activities:

By signing below, the following is understood:

- I/We authorize the SCAMWMW Dean's Office to verify all information provided on this application as deemed necessary to make a scholarship determination.
- I understand the information provided will be used to select me as a possible scholarship recipient from the SCAMWMW.
- I agree to abide by the guidelines of the scholarship selection committee, and understand that their decision is final.
- I certify that the information provided within this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

All information provided is confidential and will be used solely for the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients. This information will not be shared with anyone without the express written consent of the applicant, parent, or legal guardian. All application materials will be destroyed after scholarships are awarded, and submitted information will not be returned to the applicant.

Student Signature / Date

Parent/Guardian Signature / Date



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Scholarship Application Requirements

Applicants will not be evaluated based on race, creed, ethnic origin, gender, or religious preference.

The packet requirements are as follows:

- Copy of High School Transcript
- Letter of Acceptance or Letter of Intent from the college/university the student will be attending
- Completed and signed Personal Information Sheet
- Current Photo of Applicant
- Letter of Recommendation from an SCAMWMW, wife or widow verifying and recommending the applicant for the scholarship
- Resume of Community Involvement
- Essay: Briefly explain your future plans, including goals and ambitions
 - Typed, double-spaced, 12-point font
 - 200 to 300 words in length
- Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or counselor
 - Typed, double-spaced, 12-point font
 - Maximum 150 words

Note: All letters of recommendation submitted through email must have an original signature and be emailed by the person completing the recommendation.

Please submit documents via email to Reverend Marcia Hawkins by Tuesday, March 31, 2026
mfwhawkins@aol.com.

Sincerely,

The South Carolina Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows
Reverend Marcia Hawkins, Dean
Mrs. Andrea Gary, Assistant Dean