



General Information

The Award: The Kiwanis Club of Aiken awards scholarships annually to a qualifying KEY Club members from Aiken High, Midland Valley, and Silver Bluff High School, and those that will be graduating from high school. This year's 2020 Scholarships named in memory of a long-time Kiwanis member, and a former chair of the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee, John Palmer.

Stipend: During this year, these scholarships awarded will be an amount of \$1,000 for each high school. The Kiwanis Scholarship Committee assess fundraising efforts and assign an amount that is appropriate based on the Kiwanis budget.

Use of Scholarship: The scholarship awards can be used for tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses of the recipients to further their academic or career education. The recipient must utilize this scholarship within one year after the award.

Applications: Are available at the Kiwanis Club of Aiken Website (www.aikenkiwanis.org). The Scholarship Committee will accept applications up through 5 p.m. on or before April 1.

1. This scholarship is open to:
 - a. Students who wish to attend a trade, technical, or specialized school
 - b. Students who wish to attain a Baccalaureate degree
 - c. Students who wish to attain an Associate Degree
2. The student must have demonstrated a commitment to the community and community service.

Eligibility:

1. Only complete applications received or postmarked by or before April 1 at 5 p.m. are eligible.
2. Graduating Key Club Members, active and in good standing at their respective high schools are eligible.

Selection:

The Kiwanis Club of Aiken Scholarship Committee makes the final decision on scholarship recipients. Selection will be made primarily on the basis of proven community involvement and KEY Club participation.

Presentation of Award:

Award recipients are notified by mail or email of their award. All scholarship recipients will have their award presented at a regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aiken. (TBD)

Applicant Responsibility Check-off Form

- ❑ Knowledge of deadline.
- ❑ Give the Letter of Recommendation form and return envelope to a staff member or teacher of your choice. Request that they complete the letter with the needed information and timeline. It is your responsibility to retrieve it and include it with your application.
- ❑ Ensure application is complete
- ❑ Complete the Community Service Projects form
- ❑ Complete the Key Club Projects Form
- ❑ Complete the CGPA and Personal Statements
- ❑ Mail Application Packet with Recommendation Letter and required documentation to:

Kiwaniis Club of Aiken
Key Club Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 991
Aiken, SC 29802

For questions about this application or its status, please contact Mrs. Mary Driscoll, Chair of the Scholarship Committee at the Kiwanis Club of Aiken by emailing maryd@usca.edu.



Community Service:

On the form provided, list up to six community service projects other than Key Club that you were most proud of during your time in high school. Be sure to list the number of hours and, if possible, get a verifying signature of the agency served. For example, this involvement may include but is not limited to:

- Hospital Volunteering
- Faith Based community activities
- Food Bank assistance
- Scouting projects
- School Charity fund raising activities

Key Club Activities:

On the form provided, describe your participation in Key Club meetings, positions of leadership within the club, and club activities in which you participated for the last **two years (Junior or Senior)** Be sure to include the number of hours and, if possible, get a verifying signature from club officers and/or faculty advisor. Please provide as much documentation of your involvement as possible such as copies of participation and attendance rosters.

Indicate which Key Club events you have participated in along with dates. Applicants must have attended at least ONE of the following during their Key Club tenure:

- ___ Carolinas Fall Rally_____
- ___ Key Club Mid-Year Convention_____
- ___ Key Club District Convention_____
- ___ Key Club International Conference_____
- ___ Key Leader Camp_____
- ___ Other Regional Carolinas major events_____



Non-Key Club Service Hours

	Nature of Service	Date	Hours	Verifying Signature
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				



Key Club Service Hours

	Nature of Service	Date	Hours	Verifying Signature
1				
2				
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4				
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Attendance at Weekly Key Club Meetings This School Year (circle one):

80-100% 60- 80% 40-60%

Club President/Faculty Advisor Signature: _____



Cumulative Grade Point Average and Personal Responses

Name: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average (Please attach school documentation of the CGPA)

CGPA _____ Date _____

Personal Responses

Please write a paragraph which includes the following:

1. Future Plans: What are your plans for further education as soon as you graduate? Are you looking for a specific area of study or are you still exploring your options? If you are a recipient, how will you use your award to accomplish your future goals?
2. Most Meaningful Experience: In your participation with Key Club, you have been involved with helping the community in a variety of ways. Which event was most meaningful to you and why? If you participated in the *Key Leader* program, please include a little about that experience.
3. Something about yourself that the Scholarship Committee may not know: What else would you like to share about yourself? How do you see yourself continuing as a community servant? What are the areas of community service where you feel you can make the greatest contribution? Are you considering Circle K (CKI) at college if there is a club where you plan to attend?

Thank you for your application! We, the Kiwanis Club of Aiken applaud you for your continuing efforts in serving others. May it become a soul rewarding, life-long calling for you.

Collegiate Key Club organizations are entitled "Circle K Clubs." We encourage you to check this club out when you attend college.



Letter of Recommendation Instructions
for
Kiwaniis Club of Aiken Key Club
Scholarship

Dear Teacher/Counselor/Staff,

This student, _____, is applying for a Kiwanis Club of Aiken Key Club Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Kiwanis Key Club member of your school. One of the criteria is based on community service involvement of which he or she has already listed as part of the application process.

What can you share with us about this student's leadership qualities, citizenship, behavior, helpful attitude, and personality traits? What community and school activities has he or she been involved in as a Key Club member? How long have you known this student and in what capacity?

Please write your response, including your name and position and contact information.

Seal the envelope and return to your student applicant so he/she can include it with the other application items. Their deadline is April 1, so it should be returned prior to that deadline.

Thank you for your time and your assistance in this process.

Kiwanis Club of Aiken
Key Club Scholarship Committee