



Willie James Woodard Scholarship of Excellence



Mr. Willie James Woodard was born March 6, 1947 in LaGrange, Georgia. He was the second child of the late Clifford and Georgia Mae Woodard. “Feet” as he was lovingly known, graduated from East Depot High School, Class of 1965; where he was an all-around athlete, especially excelling in basketball. Shortly after high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force; and served his country as a Sergeant from 1965 – 1969. He was stationed at Blytheville Air Force Base in Arkansas. After serving in the Air Force, he returned to LaGrange where he soon met the love of his life, Yvette. They were wed two years later in 1970. Subsequently, in 1972, they welcomed their loving twin daughters: Igela and Alisha. Mr. Willie Woodard was always goal-oriented and business minded. Willie decided to continue his education at Southern Union College. As a result, he obtained an Associate’s Degree in Business.

Despite there being scarce employment opportunities for African-American men during the 70’s. Mr. Woodard was fortunate enough to obtain gainful employment in the office of Westinghouse as a Customer Service Representative. He successfully held the same position for twelve years. After his career ended with the company in 1984, Mr. Woodard stepped out on faith and became an Entrepreneur starting his limousine service, LaGrange Limousine. Willie’s limousine service was able to provide luxury transportation services for executives of large corporations and transporting groups and individuals for special events.

Simultaneously, his beloved wife started her dream career as a Daycare owner, Yvette’s Little World. Mr. Woodard eventually sold his transportation service to their long-time friends, Reginald and Cynthia Wilson. Mr. Willie and Mrs. Yvette Woodard have owned and operated the daycare for the last thirty-eight years, along with their daughters.

Mr. Woodard was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many and dedicated his life to mentoring the youth in the community. He possessed a huge passion for playing golf and he was one of the first few African American men to join Highland Country Club of LaGrange. His reasoning behind joining was for his grandson Devin, to be able to go play golf whenever he desired. The membership even fueled their passion for the game even more. As a result, his grandson Devin became an extremely talented golfer.



Mr. Willie Woodard committed a lot of his free time volunteering as a coach for his grandson's AAU basketball, Little League baseball and football and golf team on a high school level. He had a huge influence on his grandson in placing 2nd in the State Tournament in Augusta, Georgia for LHS in 2012. He had a huge impact on everyone he encountered. His greatest attribute was his very humbling, free spirited and magnetic personality. He never met a stranger and always wanted to make sure everyone around him was taken care of.

Mr. Woodard was a member at First Baptist Church, under the leadership of Dr. Clarence Sams. He has served as a Paul Harris Fellow member in the Rotary Club since 1998. Willie, along with his wife were voted Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016 for African American owned and operated businesses in their community. He served as a member of the Troup County Chapter of NAACP where he was chairman of the Freedom Fund Committee. He also served as a Board member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Woodard was a volunteer for First Tee of LaGrange and served on the Board at LaGrange Academy and LaGrange Housing Authority.

On Thursday, July 30, 2020; Mr. Willie James Woodard passed away at his home surrounded by his loving family. The legacy of Willie Woodard will be carried on by his family and shared by all. The Willie James Woodard Scholarship of Excellence will recognize a young person who, like Mr. Woodard, understands and demonstrates selfless dedication to those around him or her.

The recipient will be awarded \$500.

Comprehensive Health and Rehab, LLC is a mobile outpatient physical therapy clinic specializing in Lymphedema Management, Geriatric Physical Therapy, and Pelvic Health serving Rockdale, Newton, and Dekalb counties in Georgia and is the proud sponsor of this scholarship. (www.CHARPT.com)



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Guidelines

The Willie James Woodard Scholarship is a \$500 award created by Dr Gabrielle Jones, PT, DPT, GCS, CLT-ALM and Comprehensive Health and Rehab, LLC. in honor of the high level of entrepreneurial excellence and community involvement displayed by Mr. Woodard throughout his life. The recipient must be accepted to an institution of higher learning and have shown a commitment to academic and community involvement.

- *Applicant must be a resident of Troup County, GA.
- *Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who has been accepted in a two year or four year college/university or a technical program.
- *Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.00/4.00. An official copy of his or her high school transcript must be included.
- *Applicant must submit two letters of recommendation from a faculty member (high school or place of volunteer service).
- *Applicant must list the timeline, location and type of his or her community service involvement to be considered for the scholarship.
- *Applicant must complete an essay of 200-500 words about his or her academic and volunteer work in the community. The essay must also include plans for giving back to the community of Troup County, Ga. This can be with school, a youth group, a religious organization, a sports team or something else.
- *Applicant must provide a copy of his or her valid student id, state identification card or state driver's license, and college or university acceptance letter.
- *Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview.
- *Scholarship funds will be paid in August 2023.
- ***Application deadline is Tuesday, July 11, 2023** to be received by the scholarship committee. Late applications cannot be accepted. An email will be sent confirming receipt. Applications must be postmarked July 11, 2023.

**Employees of Comprehensive Health and Rehab, LLC, Yvette's Little World, relatives of Mr. Willie James Woodard, and relatives of Dr. Gabrielle Jones, PT, DPT, GCS, CLT-ALM are ineligible to apply.*

**Mail completed application package to:
Willie James Woodard Scholarship of Excellence
2500 Riverton Drive
Conyers, Georgia 30013-7437**



The applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected by members of the Willie James Woodard Scholarship of Excellence Committee. The scholarship recipient will be announced in August 2023.

Applications may be downloaded from Comprehensive Health and Rehab website at

www.charpt.com under the “Scholarship” tab.

Please submit any questions to:

care@charpt.com



2023 Willie James Woodard Scholarship of Excellence Application

Please type or write your answers neatly

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: State: Zip:	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) where currently enrolled: _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent transcript is required.	
6.	Name and complete address of your high school:	
7.	Please list name of college/university or technical/trade program you will attend in Fall 2022:	
8.	Have you been accepted at the institution listed in #7? Yes _____ No _____	
9.	Are you or your parent or legal guardian an employee or relative of Willie Woodard family, Yvette's Little World, or Comprehensive Health and Rehab, ? Yes _____ No _____	
10.	On a separate sheet please type an essay (200-500 words) about the importance of academic and community involvement. The essay must also include plans for giving back to the community of Troup County, Ga	
11.	Include any additional information you feel should be considered with your application here. Attach another sheet if necessary.	



=STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the Willie James Woodard Scholarship of Excellence program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Willie James Woodard Scholarship of Excellence policy, I must be present at the scholarship presentation ceremony. The location of the event will be in Troup County, Georgia or virtual if required.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Willie James Woodard Scholarship of Excellence policy, it is my responsibility to remit to the Scholarship Committee the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of guardian for applicants under age 18: _____ **Date:** _____

Checklist

- ___ Application
- ___ Letter of Acceptance for college/university/trade school
- ___ Official Copy of High School Transcript
- ___ 2 Letters of Recommendation from School Faculty or Volunteer Organization Staff Member
- ___ List of Community Service Activities with Location and Dates
- ___ Essay about Applicant's Academic Involvement and Community Service
- ___ Copy of Applicant's Student ID or State Identification/Driver's License

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