

2025 – 2026 Tanya Andrea Burdette Scholarship

APPLICATION PACKET CONTENT

1. Scholarship Application

The Tanya Andrea Burdette Scholarship began with a statement made by her brother Johnny James Burdette Jr. at the first birthday celebration after her transition to be with her heavenly father. Members of her family and friends began the journey to launch the TAB Scholarship.

In 1988, Tanya graduated from Lakeside High School in the top 10% of her class. She obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from Georgia Southern University. She then obtained an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Indiana Business College. Upon her death, she was working on her master's degree in Education from Anderson University which she was awarded after death.

Tanya was a dedicated member of the Sorority of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. She had strong ties with many community projects and outreach programs such as Dream Girls, Every Single Mother Deserves a Second Chance and volunteer work with Faith in Service Humanity (FISH). Community services were a huge part of her commitment to give back to others as well as her community.

The motto "A Legacy for Passion, Excellence and Success" is a true representation of Tanya Andrea Burdette. The TAB scholarship is committed to the growth and development of rising high school students pursuing a college degree. We feel it is important to aid and develop talented young Americans in pursuit of higher education. Through gifts provided by donations and fundraising, the Tab Scholarship is able to provide scholarships to deserving students on an equal opportunity basis regardless of race, sex, creed, or religious preference.

2. Essay

Applicants are required to submit a 500-word minimum, double-spaced essay using one of the following topics. It is also encouraged and preferred that the essays be typed.

1. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership ability both in and out of school and tell how your leadership impacted positive change.
2. Teacher quality is the number one determinant of students' achievement. Describe the attributes of your favorite teacher and the impact he/she had on your academic achievement.
3. Discuss why you want to obtain a college education. Now describe in detail how you are going to use that degree to impact your community and the world.

3. Official Academic Transcript

Applicants must request an official academic transcript from their most recent school. Transcripts must be included in the packets.

4. GPA 2.5 OR Greater

Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 to be eligible for the scholarship.

5. Confirmation of Community Service Form

Applicants are required to have performed a minimum of 50 "active" service hours within the 12-month preceding the application deadline. Scholarship applicants should complete and submit the Confirmation of Community Service Form as certification of service performed.

Confirmation forms should be completed for each project. Applicants may make copies of the forms as needed. "Active" service shall be defined as "an activity that allows one to extend themselves in service to another without compensation, remuneration, personal gain or benefit." See below for a sampling of acceptable projects:

Ex. 1 ACTIVE SERVICE

Acceptable Service Projects (serving food to the homeless through soup kitchen or shelter, tutoring students, picking up litter and recycling, coordinating a community food/shelter drive, serving as an officer in an official position of a civic organization).

Ex. 2 PASSIVE SERVICE

Unacceptable Service Project (donating food/clothing in a clothing drive, babysitting, singing in a choir, serving as an officer in an official position of a church).

6. Reference Letter

Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or non-related family member.

TAB Scholarship

Tanya Andrea Burdette



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Dear Applicant:

The TAB scholarship is available to Seniors who have been accepted as students at an accredited, post-secondary institution beginning in the fall of the year. Applicants must meet all the eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Scholarship awards range from \$150.00 - \$500.00 and should be applied towards tuition, room, board, and books. Checks will be mailed and made payable to the recipient.

All applications must be submitted via U.S. mail. TAB Scholarship c/o Manika Blackwell – P.O. Box 91 – Conley, Georgia 30288-9998 or emailed to TAB_3_DST@YAHOO.COM. Application packets must be submitted not later than April 3, 2026. Notification of scholarship will be sent to all applicants no later than May 4, 2025.

Eligibility Criteria

- High School Senior transitioning to college
- Minimum Grade Point Average of 2.5
- Planning to attend an institution for an entire academic year in the fall of 2026
- 50 hours of “active” community services

Scholarship Application

Complete and submit TAB Scholarship application by April 3, 2026.

Essay

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Official Academic Transcript

Applicants must request an **official** academic transcript from their most recent school. All transcripts must have an official raised seal and /or official signature to be valid. Transcripts that do not have a raised seal and or signature will not be accepted. Class schedules, report cards, or progress reports will not be accepted. Transcripts must be included in the packets

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Student Profile:

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____ Home Phone_____

Email Address_____ Cell Phone_____

Date of Birth_____

Academic Profile:

(High School Information)

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____ Phone_____

Grade Point Average_____

Collegiate Information:

(High School Students should provide information on the university they have been accepted to or plan to attend)

Name_____

Address_____

City/State/Zip_____ Phone_____

Major Field of Study_____

Please list and describe your leadership involvement over the past 4 years

References: Please include two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or non-related family member.

Career Goals: Briefly state your career goals in twenty-five words or less.

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

Internal Use Only: Award Amount \$_____ Reviewed by_____

Date_____

2025 – 2026 Confirmation of Community Service Form Please note that a

Confirmation of Community Service Form MUST be submitted for EACH community service project

I, _____, in accordance with the TAB Scholarship eligibility requirements, verify that I performed the following service project.

*See description for “active” community service

Name of
Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Name of Project _____ #of Service Hours Performed _____

Briefly describe the service project and/or duties performed by the student:

My signature below certifies that the above-named project was performed within the time frame outlined in the scholarship application.

_____	_____	Name of Supervisor
(Print) Name of Student (Print)		

_____	_____	Signature of Supervisor
Date Signature of Student Date		

_____	_____	Supervisor's Title
Student's Grade Level		

_____	_____	Supervisor's telephone#
Student's Telephone#		

Name of the School