

**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA, INC.**

2021 Scholarship



Scholarships Available:

Three scholarships available, each for \$500.

Eligibility:

The COAG Scholarship is open to any Georgia high school senior (or a GED equivalency dated December 31, 2020 to May 31, 2021) who is a United States and Georgia citizen graduating by the spring of 2021. You must be seeking an undergraduate degree, not a diploma, certification, master's or doctoral degree.

Criteria:

The criteria for the award include:

- presenting a letter of acceptance or letter of enrollment from a school of accredited higher education located within Georgia (four-year college, junior college or technical college);
- providing proof of residency in the State of Georgia (GA Driver's License or GA ID Card);
- submitting a 1,000-word essay; and presenting a COAG scholarship application (may be downloaded from 2021 www.coagonline.org).

Essay:

The 1,000-word essay **MUST** be typed or computer generated, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, on 8 ½ x 11 unlined white paper and in the English language. Handwritten essays or those in any other format will be disqualified. The essay must have a title page. The essay **cannot** contain any reference to the city, town or county where the applicant resides or any reference to the high school attended by the applicant or the applicant's name. You may reference an office, but names of elected officials or county must not be used. Any such reference will disqualify the applicant. All essays must be original, factually accurate and must not infringe upon any material protected by copyright. Failure to meet all of the above-mentioned requirements will disqualify the applicant.

Essay Theme 2021:

Every county in the State of Georgia has elected government officials known as "constitutional officers." County constitutional officers include the clerk of the superior court, judge of probate court, sheriff, and tax commissioner. County constitutional officers are elected for four-year terms and have such powers and duties as provided by general law.

TOPIC: Interview and describe things that the county constitutional officers do on a daily basis, why they ran for office, and other questions you would like to find out information for your essay. Also do research and include who the last three people who held that office and how long they were in office prior to the current person.

Interview your Clerk of Superior Court, Probate Judge, Sheriff, or Tax Commissioner. Call their office and schedule a phone interview or virtual appointment regarding the COAG Scholarship Essay. Due to COVID-19, we are asking that these interviews be done over the phone or virtually.

Award Guidelines:

All entries will be reviewed by the Constitutional Officers Association of Georgia, Inc. (COAG) Scholarship Committee. The committee members will select the scholarship recipients based on the content of the essay. All essays become the property of COAG. Winners names may be released to the public and news media for promotional purposes. The scholarship will be announced April 20, 2021 and will be payable to the individual winners in-person.

Procedures:

Your completed application, residency documentation, acceptance letter, title page, and essay should be EMAILED to coagdirector@gmail.com no later than midnight on March 15, 2021 in ONE EMAIL, not several separate emails.

Submissions must be sent directly to coagdirector@gmail.com not through a local constitutional officer.

To be entered into the scholarship contest, the subject line of the email MUST say: "2021 COAG SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION"

Deadline:

All applications must be received by email at coagdirector@gmail.com no later than midnight on March 15, 2021 or they will be deemed ineligible. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Scholarship Application Packet

The packet that you are to submit should include the following items:

- 1) Scholarship Application Form - 1 original
- 2) Title Page - 1 original
- 3) 1,000 Word Essay - 1 original
- 4) Proof of acceptance from a school of accredited higher education located within Georgia (four-year college, junior college or technical college) - 1 copy
- 5) Proof of Georgia residency (photocopy of GA Driver's License or state issued identification card) - 1 copy

Questions? Please contact:

Missy Tolbert, Executive Director of COAG

Email: coagdirector@gmail.com

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2021 Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information:

Name Mr. Miss _____

Home Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Alt Telephone # (_____) _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Are you a US Citizen? __yes __no

Parent or Guardian Information:

Name _____

Relationship to Student _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Daytime Telephone #(_____) _____

High School Information:

Name of School _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Date of Graduation _____ Principal _____

Counselor Name _____ Telephone # (_____) _____

Counselor Email Address _____

College, University or Technical School:

Name of School _____

Degree Field: _____