



YLDP Scholarship Packet

Note: Incomplete applications will not be scored.
Scholarship applications are due by March 4, 2026.

PLEASE READ – {Before applying for a scholarship}

All scholarship awards are dependent upon acceptance to and enrollment in an institution of higher education, which is recognized by the Alabama Commission of Higher Education or its equivalent.

Some Colleges/Universities do not allow stacking YLDP scholarships. If you are applying for a scholarship to the College/University through YLDP you should check on this prior to turning in your scholarship packet. YLDP will not be held responsible for Colleges/Universities not honoring additional scholarships that cannot be stacked.

Please make sure you have everything before you submit your scholarship application

- _____ Completed Scholarship Application
- _____ Resume detailing student's extracurricular activities and awards
- _____ Leadership Essay
- _____ More Than A Bird Essay
- _____ A Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher/church or community leader

College and University Scholarship Awards

Wallace State Community College — \$36,000

Three, Presidential Scholarships \$12,000 each

Calhoun Community College — \$36,000

Three, Presidential Scholarships

Auburn University - \$150,000

Three, Full Tuition Scholarships each (Must be enrolled to Auburn)

The University of Alabama — \$300,000

Six, Presidential Scholarships (Must be enrolled to Alabama)

Jefferson State Community College — \$36,000

Three, Scholarships \$12,000 each

The University of West Alabama— \$10,000 each award

Leadership Scholarships, \$2,500 per year for four years. Must have 2.5 GPA/17 ACT to qualify. This is stackable with academic and other awards.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham - \$32,000

Four awards, \$2,000 per year, four years (24 ACT/3.0 GPA)

The University of Montevallo — \$50,000

Five awards, \$2,500 per year (21 ACT), \$10,000. This is stackable with academic and other awards.

Huntingdon College—\$280,000

Five, \$14,000 per year

(no minimum GPA/ACT, providing YLDP students do not intend to participate in NCAA athletics)

Alabama A & M University- \$152,000

Four, Full Tuition Scholarships (21 ACT / 3.25 GPA)

Alabama State University—\$112,056

Three, Academic Incentive Scholarships- \$8,838 per year and up to \$500 annually in books for a max of eight semesters (must complete at least 24 credit hours per year and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA)

Samford University - \$80,000

Five - \$4,000 annual scholarships renewable up to four years

Troy University — \$80,000

Two, Chancellor's Award 7,500 per year, \$30,000

Two, In-Leadership Awards \$2,500 per year, \$10,000 each

(Cannot be stacked with Chancellors or Millennium Award)

University of North Alabama — \$80,000

Ten, \$2,000 per year

Can be stacked but not to exceed \$10,000/Year (18 ACT/3.0 GPA)

Auburn University Montgomery — \$78,000

Two, Chancellor's Awards \$4,000 per year

Two, \$3,000 onetime--2.5 GPA/17 ACT

Ten, Opportunity Scholarships \$1,000 per year (18 ACT or 950 SAT and 2.5 GPA)

University of South Alabama — \$16,000

Two, \$2,000 per year Leadership Scholarships (24 ACT/3.0 GPA)

Must apply to USA Leadership Scholarship Program (complete application and be accepted)

Jacksonville State University - \$80,000

Bevill State Community College - \$24,000

Two, Presidential Scholarships \$12,000 each

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Four, Full Tuition scholarships. Cannot be stacked with other Institutional awards.

3.25 cumulative GPA. Students will need to meet required scholarship renewal criteria to continue to receive this award.

Marion Military Institute

Three, 50% Tuition—Composite ACT of 19 or Higher / Unweighted Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or Higher

Lawson State Community College—\$36,000

Three, Presidential Scholarships \$12,000 each

J F Drake State Community & Technical College - \$24,000**Tuskegee University**

TBD

Monetary scholarships - \$25,000+ - IN STATE ONLY

25 - \$1000 for Partner College/University Only, exception for military academies

Leadership Essay Assignment

For your essay, worth up to thirty points, please respond to the following questions:

- What are the greatest lessons you have learned from the Youth Leadership Development Program?
- How will you apply the lessons you have learned as you enter college?

(When formulating your response, it will be helpful to refer to a specific speaker.)

When formatting your essay:

- Please limit your response to 600 words.
- Type your response in 12-point Times New Roman font.
- Double-space your essay and leave one-inch margins.

Grading Rubric: Your essay will be graded using the following criteria:

Excellent—27-30 Points—An excellent essay answers the questions fully. It uses specific examples to make its case, and it is highly persuasive. It is also well organized and contains a strong, clear thesis. It grabs and holds the reader's attention from beginning to end, and it is virtually free of grammatical errors.

Good—23-26 Points—A good essay displays many of the qualities of an excellent essay. It may be slightly less developed or slightly less persuasive. Its thesis, however, is still strong. It is interesting but may be slightly less compelling than the excellent essay. It may contain a few grammatical errors.

Average—18-22 Points—An average essay is of lesser quality than an excellent or good essay. It has a thesis, but the thesis is not strong or compelling. The writing is not as energetic as the essays described above, and some points may be vague. The essay may contain several grammatical errors.

Below Average—11-17 Points—The quality of the below-average essay is well below the quality of even the average essay. The thesis is vague and nonspecific, and the points of the essay are not clear. The essay contains grammatical errors, and it may lack neatness in terms of its appearance.

Unacceptable—0-10 Points—The unacceptable essay is not focused, nor is it clear. It also does not answer the questions asked. The reader does not grasp a strong understanding of the writer's points. The writing is non-energetic, and the essay contains numerous grammatical errors. The essay may lack a neat appearance.

*Please read the book **More Than a Bird**, provided by YLDP for your reference.*

More Than A Bird

by Liz Huntley

Theme: "Taking Responsibility for What You Can Control"

Goal: Think about how you can take some responsibility for your actions that will dictate your future.

Instructions: Answer the following questions in paragraph format and submit with your YLDP scholarship packet:

1. Do you consider the character in the book Liz Huntley a responsible person?
2. Liz did not have control over some of the things that happened to her as a child, list at least five of those events.
3. Liz did have control over some of the things that happened to her as a child and teenager, list five of those things.
4. Are there benefits to being responsible? What are they?
5. Did the book *More Than A Bird* encourage you to become more responsible for your future?
6. After reading *More Than A Bird*, what steps can you take to become more responsible for your future?