



## 2023 CSM Gary Coates, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

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**Purpose:** Part of the mission of the Alaina Coates FAAM Foundation is to give back to the community. One of the ways in which we accomplish this mission is through our yearly scholarship programs. The CSM Gary Coates, Sr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded to recipients who demonstrate scholarship and service through community involvement, volunteerism, scholastic achievement, and extra-curricular participation.

**Award:** One high school student will be awarded **\$2,500.00** to be used towards their tuition costs at an accredited institution of higher learning.

### **Criteria and Eligibility:**

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the United States during the year of the award.
- Applicant must have at least a **2.75** grade point average (on 4.0 scale or equivalent on 3.0 scale).
- Applicant must demonstrate community involvement in addition to scholastic achievement.

**Application Process:** Applicants must submit the following items. Applications submitted without all supporting documentation will not be considered. No exceptions. You may use the checklist below to ensure that your packet is complete. You do not have to return this sheet with your application.

Completed application (typed only, handwritten applications will not be considered).

One signed letter of recommendation from non-family member.

Acceptance letter or proof of acceptance to your institution of higher learning.

Official high school transcript.

Two-page personal essay with your response to: **Tell us how you have made positive impacts in your community, your school, and your family.**

OR

A 3–5-minute video with your response to: **Tell us how you have made positive impacts in your community, your school, and your family.**

### **General Instructions:**

- Application packets must be sent via postal mail. Please do not email your application and supporting items (see below if submitting a video). Mail application packet to:  
**Alaina Coates FAAM Foundation**  
**P.O. Box 1712**  
**Irmo, SC 29063**
- If you are submitting a video instead of a typed essay, you may send an email with only your video attached to: [ACFAAMFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ACFAAMFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM). Please include your name along with the scholarship name in the subject of the email. All other components of the application packet must be sent via postal mail. Alternatively, if you are familiar with a file sharing platform, such as DropBox, you may “share” your video via email.
- Scholarship funds will be awarded directly to the institution upon evidence of class registration and confirmation of correct address of the institution’s Financial Aide/Bursar’s Office.
- Award winners will be notified no later than April 30, 2023.



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Date of Application:

Please **type**. Handwritten applications will not be considered.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address:	
	Street:	
	City:	State: ZIP:
3.	Telephone Number:	
	Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth: Month	Day Year
5.	High School:	
	Name:	
	City:	State: ZIP:
	Anticipated Graduation Date:	
6.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA):	
	<i>(Include official transcript as proof of GPA)</i>	
7.	College/University/Technical School Attending:	
	<i>(Include copy of acceptance letter)</i>	
	Name:	
	Address:	
	Major:	
8.	What are your educational and career goals?	

9.	List school and community involvement: (clubs/organizations, extracurricular activity, volunteerism, awards, etc.)
10.	<p>Personal Essay. Double spaced using 12pt font. Select one of the following options:</p> <p>I have attached a typed essay with my response to: <b>Tell us how you have made positive impacts in your community, your school, and your family.</b></p> <p>I have submitted a video with my response to: <b>Tell us how you have made positive impacts in your community, your school, and your family.</b></p>
11.	<p>Parent or Legal Guardian Contact Information:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Relationship:</p> <p>Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____</p>

### STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I affirm that information given in this application (including any personal statements) is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge and does not omit any material fact, which would render the statement false, fictitious, or fraudulent because of the omission. I understand that the information given may be investigated and that any false representation is sufficient cause for rejection of this application, or, if awarded scholarship benefits, that I am liable for return of all awarded funds.

Agree

Disagree

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_