



## Keep Elbert County Beautiful Scholarship Guidelines (2025-2026)

### Scholarship:

1. One (1) \$1,000 Scholarship to be given to the school of higher learning for the expenses of the winning student. The KECB Scholarship supports students pursuing **college, technical or trade school, or any accredited training program** — including fields such as aviation, hospitality, and other career pathways.
2. Winner to be chosen by a team of at least 3 or 5 members of the KECB Board of Directors

### Timeline:

Due to KECB no later than April 15, 2026.

Mail application, documentation and cover letter to:

**Keep Elbert County Beautiful**, P.O. Box 6339, Elberton, GA 30635

Or EMAIL application, documentation and cover letter to:

[kecbeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:kecbeautiful@gmail.com)

1. **INTERESTED APPLICANTS, PLEASE NOTE:** Participation in one (1) or more land or water cleanups, community greening, planting projects or other KECB-sponsored activity(s) is required. For calendar of activities see: [kecb.org](http://kecb.org)

### Eligibility Criteria:

1. Resident of Elbert County and a member of the current graduating senior class in the year of application or dually enrolled in college/university, technical or trade school, or any accredited training program.
2. Cover Letter with Applicant Information Form (form is included with these guidelines)
3. Winning student may apply subsequent years as long as activities meet all eligibility criteria. If not able to complete local KECB events, they can fulfill requirement in another locale with Director's permission. Gap-year students maintain their eligibility.
4. Involvement or active work during the academic year of application in any cleanups, environmental campaign or project with KECB.
5. Minimum GPA requirement is 3.0 in a 4.0 system
6. Copy of current transcript
7. Home-schooled students must have documented, objective criteria (ACT, SAT, etc.) indicating that they are at a level of education equivalent to a 3.0 GPA

**Project Description and Documentation:** Describe the environmental project you have been involved with this year, including why you chose this specific project and its environmental impact/results (500-word limit)

### Required Documentation:

1. List the hours involved and the names of volunteers or organizations who assisted in your project, along with your role (leader, participant, etc.)
2. Charts, graphs or tables and/or "Before and After" photos, video, as applicable.

## **Scholarship Application Information FORM**

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION:**

First/Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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### **PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:**

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### **INSTITUTION TO WHICH SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE APPLIED: \***

Name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Current GPA** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE:** In the event the student does not attend the institution above, or another institution approved by Keep Elbert County Beautiful, no scholarship will be awarded.

## Qualifying Environmental Activities and Projects

1. Participation in one (1) or more land or water cleanups, community greening or planting projects or other KECB-sponsored activities
2. Organize a cleanup of public park, cemetery, boat ramp, etc. in Elbert County. Members should pick up and report their results at least three times during the school year.
3. Create and complete a simple project related to recycling, litter reduction or beautification to benefit ECCHS or an organization, park, or other outdoor area in Elbert County.
4. Design and complete a simple survey related to recycling, pollution, or resource conservation in Elbert County. For example, a survey could collect information about recycling attitudes, habits and behavior of ECCHS students, or some other group. Then compile and describe the results and discuss the significance of the results. The survey can be conducted in any format, including an on-line survey using social media.
5. Design and complete a project for Keep Elbert County Beautiful, such as an awareness campaign related to recycling, litter, pollution, or another topic carried out at ECCHS or in the community. For example:
  - a. Write a series of brief articles for the Elberton Star, your school newspaper, or the KECB website or Facebook page aimed at students and/or adults
  - b. Create a Video Public Service Announcement or other short production that would be of local interest using ECCHS equipment or personal equipment.
6. Design and complete a landscaping or planting project at ECCHS with other students, sponsored by a club or class, or with volunteers in the community.

NOTE: All activities or projects must be described, documented, and completed by the Scholarship application deadline.

Applicants are invited and encouraged to work with ECCHS (or college) faculty member, Beta Club (for their community service requirement), or with a KECB Board Member or the Executive Director to plan and complete their project or activity.

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