

# Newberry Juneteenth Scholarship Information

*The Newberry Juneteenth Scholarship is a one-time \$500.00 award, given annually at the Newberry Juneteenth Event to a recent high school graduate/entering college freshman. Up to four qualifying students who meet the criteria provided below will have the award sent to their accredited higher education institution.*

## **CRITERIA**

The applicants must:

- Be a high school senior in Newberry County who has been accepted to an accredited higher education institution for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Have a minimum cumulative average of a “C” (GPA 2.0 on a 4.0 scale).
- Be able to articulate the importance of Juneteenth.
- Demonstrate community and/or school participation.

## **HOW to APPLY**

- Submit a completed application.
- Submit a 500-750-word essay explaining why Juneteenth is important to you and to our society.
- Submit two recommendations using the forms provided.
  - One recommendation from a teacher.
  - One recommendation from a person not related to you.
  - Recommendations can be sent via email (see form).
- Submit a copy of your college acceptance letter for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Provide a copy of your high school transcript from the current semester (after Jan. 1, 2025).
- Submitted material must be postmarked or hand-delivered by May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Hand Delivered:** Newberry Park, Recreation & Tourism  
C/O Newberry County Juneteenth Scholarship Committee  
1323 College St.  
Newberry, SC 29108  
*Regular business hours: 8:30 am-5 pm*

**MAIL to:** Newberry Parks Recreation & Tourism  
C/O Newberry County Juneteenth Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 538  
Newberry, SC 29108

## **If you are the recipient of the scholarship:**

- You will be asked to attend the Newberry Juneteenth Event on June 14, 2025.
- You must complete the “College/University Information” form for enrollment verification and disbursement of your scholarship.
- Your scholarship check will be sent directly to the higher education institution, and you will be notified when it is mailed. Funds will ONLY be sent to the school from which the acceptance letter is included in the packet.

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (Print Information)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated college/university to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected major: \_\_\_\_\_

List school activities (include clubs, organizations, leadership positions, etc.):

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List scholastic honors or distinctions you have earned since eighth grade:

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List community-related activities (church, volunteer, work experiences, etc.):

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- A copy of your college acceptance letter for the 2025-2026 school year is enclosed.
- A copy of your high school transcript from the current semester (after Jan. 1, 2025) is enclosed.
- Your essay explaining why Juneteenth is important to you and to our society is enclosed.

I hereby affirm that all the information on this application is correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SCHOLARSHIP TEACHER RECOMMENDATION**

Deadline: May 12th, 2025  
email to [dmoore@cityofnewberry.com](mailto:dmoore@cityofnewberry.com)

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions. Your impressions of the student are important and will be used to make a final selection. **Applicants will not see this recommendation form.**

Please rank the student from 1 (**weakness**) to 5 (**strength**) or N/A (**unknown**) in the following areas:

- 1. Works cooperatively with others \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Completes tasks in a timely manner \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Manages class time well \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Self-motivation \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Ability to work independently \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Communication skills \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Positive and enthusiastic \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Ability to accept constructive criticism \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Leadership qualities \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. Critical thinking and questioning skills \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide an example highlighting qualities and talents that make this student stand out from others:

Attach additional pages if needed.

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you known this student: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this student: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_