

## Signal Mountain Lions Student Scholarships

The Signal Mountain Lions Club is happy to announce plans to again award two \$4,000 Lions Club Charity Scholarships in 2020. Students from any school may apply provided they reside in the 37377-zip code. Additionally, the scholarships are open to applicants from all fields of study, although vision related degrees are given preference.

The scholarships are based on financial need and academic achievement. The students must have been accepted by or will be attending an accredited four-year college or university, technical college, or community college. The scholarships will be awarded in increments of \$1,000 per year and be renewable up to four years pending the recipient's remaining a full-time student in good standing. The total value of each Signal Mountain Lions Club Scholarship is \$4,000.

If you wish to apply for one of these scholarships or know someone else who might like to apply, you may get an application from the local high school college placement counselor or directly from the Lions Club. You can write to the Signal Mountain Lions Club, P.O. Box 134, Signal Mountain, TN 37377, attn. Cindy McCall, Scholarship Chairman.

April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the application. Students must send the application form and a copy of the front page of their FAFSA report to Signal Mountain Lions Club to the address above. A parent's or legal guardian's signature, as well as the student's signature, will be required on the application.

Our Signal Mountain Lions Club scholarship program began 20 yrs. ago, with \$2,000 initially available for scholarships. Over this time span, it has grown to include as many as 12 students at any given time. To date, more than 40 students have been supported with scholarships at a number of institutions of higher learning, and our club is proud of our support for students attending college.

Once the scholarships are awarded, we continue to have an ongoing dialogue with the students. Our Signal Mountain club program differs from some other charitable scholarships; we pay the college four (4) annual payments. To assure accuracy and timely payment, each authorization must go through **several** sequenced communication links before the college receives the check.

For example, changes in address or email; changes in school attended; enrollment status out for term; return to school and name change (marriage) are some of the challenges our payment system encounters. Our goal is to insure both the schools involved and the students we support are properly cared for.

The Signal Mountain Lions Club is one of the preeminent Lions Clubs in the State of Tennessee. We are always alert to potential service or charitable needs in our community. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve".

Our special thanks to all those in the Signal Mountain Community who have supported the Signal Mountain Lions Club Car Raffle, Turkey Sales and Lions Club Barbeques. It is your support of these activities that makes these scholarships possible.