



## **SOUTHSIDE OPPORTUNITY FUND APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Application Deadline: March 31, 2017**

STEP 1: Complete the Southside Opportunity Fund Application. Failure to provide the requested information may result in disqualification. Submit the application and all supporting documents electronically by email to [public.relations@sec.coop](mailto:public.relations@sec.coop) no later than March 31, 2017.

STEP 2: Compile all the documents listed below. Attach documents as PDF files to email along with completed application. If you are mailing, do not staple, paper clip, insert into binders or fold. Do not send any of these documents separately, except where noted. Seal all documents in one envelope in the following sequence (from front to back):

1. Copy of most recent SEC electric bill.
2. Personal Statement plus two copies. It must be a one-page, typed and double-spaced document with your full name in the upper right-hand corner. The Southside Opportunity Fund Board will score the statements based on the following: how compelling your statement is about why you should be selected to receive a scholarship, your financial need, your involvement in school and community activities, your family dynamics, and how well you follow directions. Points will be deducted if you include a resume, profile of extracurricular activities, certificates or other personal records.
3. Copy of preliminary high or home school transcript.
4. Copy of Standardized Test Scores (SAT and/or ACT).
5. Recommendation letter written by someone not related to applicant.

If not submitting by email, mail the envelope containing the required documents to:

Southside Opportunity Fund  
P.O. Box 7  
Crewe, VA 23930

Postmarked no later than midnight, March 31, 2017 or hand-delivered no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2017.

In May, award notifications are emailed to applicants who have been selected to receive a scholarship. **If chosen, you will be required to provide your college student ID#, your acceptance letter from the college or technical/trade school, and the name and mailing address of the department (Financial Aid, Registrar's Office, etc.) that should receive your scholarship check. Funds will not be dispersed until this information is received.**

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## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

The Southside Opportunity Fund awards \$1,000 scholarships annually to high school students across our 18 county service territory. A combination of weighted criteria is used in the selection process: 45% financial need; 45% academic achievement; and 10% personal statement. Funds must be applied towards tuition, student fees, room and board or textbooks.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Applicant's primary residence must receive its electric power from Southside Electric Cooperative.
2. Applicant must be a high or home school senior graduating in 2017.
3. Applicant must be entering his or her first semester at a college or technical/tradeschool in the fall of 2017. Proof of admission will be required if selected to receive a scholarship.

**Parent/Guardian's SEC Account Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender** \_\_\_\_\_

**First Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area Code and Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian First Name 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian Last Name 1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian First Name 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Legal Guardian Last Name 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Residence Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Residence City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Residence Zip code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Most current IRS Tax Form filed by parent/legal guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

*1040 1040A 1040EZ No return filed*

**Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) reported by parent/legal guardian on their most current tax return** \_\_\_\_\_

*Enter a whole number, no \$ signs (ex: 10000). AGI is located on: Line 37/Form 1040; Line 21/Form 1040A; or Line 4/Form 1040EZ.*

**Number of dependents claimed on their most current tax return** \_\_\_\_\_

*Under exceptions on form 1040/1040A, add number of dependents on line 6c, on form 1040EZ, use number on line 6.*

**Name of High/Home School** \_\_\_\_\_

**High/Home School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**High/Home School City/State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guidance Counselor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weight Cumulative GPA (on 4.0 standard scale)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SAT Score** \_\_\_\_\_

*Use your highest score in critical reading (CR), math (M) & writing (W). Enter 0, if you did not take the SAT.*

**ACT Composite Score** \_\_\_\_\_

*Enter 0, if you did not take the ACT.*

**In the fall semester, I plan to attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

*You may leave this blank, if you are undecided or have not been accepted yet.*

**Major** \_\_\_\_\_

*Enter undeclared, if you are undecided.*

**Please list extracurricular school activities, including any offices held:**

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**Please list any community activities in which you participate:**

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