



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE LOWCOUNTRY, INC.

Jeff Katon Scholarship Scholarship Guidelines & Instructions for the 2012-13 Academic Year

PURPOSE

The Jeff Katon Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 in memory and recognition of Jeff Katon by his family and friends. Jeff was an avid golfer and local restaurateur known for his adventurous spirit and fun personality. He is also remembered for his kind generosity, strong friendships and love for his family. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to assist *qualified* students in pursuit of a post-secondary education who have shown outstanding academic achievements and personal accomplishments, and who plan to successfully complete a course of study at an accredited college or university.

ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA

- A. Applicant must be a high school senior scheduled to graduate in the spring of the current school year from a high school located in Southern Beaufort County.
- B. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Beaufort County, South Carolina.
- C. Applicant must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- D. Applicant must demonstrate financial need based on the applicant's and applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) federal tax returns for the **last two years**, and a completed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form.
- E. Applicant must have achieved and be able to show evidence of outstanding academic and personal accomplishments.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submit all application materials by Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Application materials should include:

- A. A completed **Jeff Katon Scholarship Application Form** (available online at www.cf-lowcountry.org or at the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry office, high school guidance office).
- B. A *certified* copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least the last two years.
- C. A typed essay (approximately 500 - 800 words) describing why you have chosen to pursue the educational and career field you have selected, how you can honor the life and legacy of Jeff Katon as a recipient of this scholarship.
- D. **Three Recommendation Forms** to be completed by an employer, family member, current teacher, or school personnel explaining the applicant's ability to successfully complete a course of study at an accredited college or university.
- E. Each applicant must attend a personal interview with the Jeff Katon Scholarship Advisory Committee (Scholarship Advisory Committee) if chosen as a finalist.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

- A. The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select scholarship recipients (subject to approval by Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Trustees).
- B. Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs, including but not limited to, tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee.
- C. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age or national origin.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- A. The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient.
- B. A public announcement of scholarship recipients will be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.
- C. Recipients are expected to assist with and participate in the annual fund-raising event held usually in September, where they will be recognized as scholarship recipients.
- D. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- A. The Scholarship Advisory Committee or Community Foundation staff members will advise all scholarship recipients regarding how the scholarships will be paid and review the students' responsibilities to Jeff Katon Scholarship Fund. These responsibilities include sending transcripts at end of the year, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment.
- B. In accordance with the Community Foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school on a pre-established date and notification of payments will be sent to scholarship recipients.

Mail Application and Required Attachments by Wednesday, April 11, 2012 to:

**Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc.
4 Northridge Drive, Suite A
Post Office Box 23019
Hilton Head Island, SC 29925-3019
Attn: Jeff Katon Scholarship Fund**



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THE JEFF KATON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR THE 2012-13 ACADEMIC YEAR

Purpose:

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General instructions to applicant:

All sections of this application must be completed in order to be eligible for consideration by the Jeff Katon Scholarship Advisory Committee. In addition, the following attachments are **required** along with your completed application:

- 1.) **Certified high school transcript, including SAT/ACT scores.**
- 2.) **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) results.**
- 3.) **Required Essay on how you would choose to honor the life and legacy of Jeff Katon as a recipient of this scholarship and how this scholarship will assist you in achieving your educational and personal goals.**
- 4.) **Current and last year's Federal Tax Returns for you and your parents.**
- 5.) **Recommendation Forms from 3 sources.**

1. Personal Information

Full name of applicant _____ Nickname _____
 Home telephone number _____ Email address _____
 Present home address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Number of years lived in Beaufort County _____ Citizenship _____
 Date of birth _____ Social Security Number _____
 Hobbies and Special Interests: _____

2. Family Information

Mother's name _____	Father's name _____
Occupation _____	Occupation _____
Street address _____	Street address _____
City, State, Zip _____	City, State, Zip _____
Phone number _____	Phone number _____

Name and ages of siblings/other dependents. Indicate what school(s) they attend.

Name	Relationship	Age	School or college/years attended
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Education

a. Name all secondary and/or technical schools you have attended in the last five years. List the school you are presently attending first.

b. How many years do you plan to attend college, and what course of study would you like to pursue?

c. What future business or educational career will you likely pursue after finishing college?

d. What college(s) would you most like to attend? Please explain your reason.

e. What colleges have you applied to for admission? Please indicate acceptance status.

f. List scholarships, grants or loans for which you have applied, and check the ones you plan to use. Indicate funding amount you will receive.

Name	Amount	Indicate if you will use it
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4. Academic, athletic, service, and extra activities.

(Use additional pages or attach resume for sections 4a, 4b, and 4c.)

a. List academic awards, achievements and dates.

b. List participation in athletic activities.

c. List your participation in community service and extra-curricular activities, and give examples of your leadership role within these activities.

5. Employment History

List jobs you have held in the last three years.

Employer Dates Hours per week Position Salary

6. Your Expected ANNUAL Cost of College:

Please provide the following information for each school to which you have applied.

ANNUAL EXPENSES-\$	<i>College</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>College</i>	<i>College</i>
<i>Tuition</i>				
<i>Room/board</i>				
<i>Books/supplies</i>				
<i>Clothing/personal</i>				
<i>Entertainment</i>				
<i>Transportation</i>				
Total Annual Costs				
(Less Scholarships or Grants Received)	()	()	()	()
Total Projected Costs				

7. Financial Need Summary

Complete this section regarding Estimated Combined Net Income of you, your parent(s) or guardian(s) for the current year. Please attach a copy of your and your parent's most recent Federal Income Tax statement to the back of this application form.

Name of person	Income and year	Total annual income \$\$

b. Have you filed a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? If so, please submit a returned copy showing your EFC (expected family contribution).

c. If you plan to attend a college or university in South Carolina have you applied for scholarship funding through the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education: Life, Hope or Palmetto Scholarship Programs?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list the scholarship and the anticipated amount or award you expect to receive.

If no, please indicate why you have *not* submitted an application.

8. Transcript History

This section is to be completed by your principal or guidance counselor. Attach a certified transcript of the student's high school record to this sheet.

Ranking in senior class: _____ of _____

GPA: _____ on a _____ scale

Best Combined SAT Score: Verbal _____ Math _____ Writing _____

Best ACT Score: Date _____ Score _____

Signature of principal or guidance counselor _____

I do state the above information is accurate true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Mail or deliver completed application by Wednesday, April 11, 2012 to:

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Hilton Head Island, SC 29925-3019**



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**The Jeff Katon Scholarship Program
Recommendation Form**

SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSE

The purpose of the Jeff Katon Scholarship Program is to assist qualified students in pursuit of a post-secondary education at an accredited college or university. Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible:

- Must be a senior scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2012 from a high school in Southern Beaufort County
- Must be a U.S. Citizen and legal resident of Beaufort County, SC
- Must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Must demonstrate financial need based on the completed FAFSA form and parents' tax returns
- Must have achieved and be able to show evidence of outstanding academic and personal accomplishments.

The student below is applying to the **Jeff Katon Scholarship Program**. This program offers scholarships to students accepted by and planning to attend an accredited college or university. Your recommendation is needed as part of the application process. Please complete this form and return it by **Wednesday, April 11, 2012** to the Jeff Katon Scholarship Advisory Committee at the address listed below.

To be Filled Out by Applicant

Name of scholarship applicant: _____

Applicant's home address: _____

School applicant will attend this fall: _____

To be Filled Out by Reference

In what capacity have you known the applicant?

____ Student ____ Employee ____ Other (specify) _____

Please attach a separate sheet to write a recommendation for the applicant named above, keeping in mind the purpose of the scholarship program as mentioned above.

Signed _____

Title _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____

Return this form by Wednesday, April 11, 2012 to:

The Jeff Katon Scholarship Advisory Committee
c/o Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc.
4 Northridge Drive, Suite A
Post Office Box 23019
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