South Daytona Community Trust
2023 Academic Scholarship
Instructions and Application Form

Scholarship Purpose:

The purpose of the South Daytona Community Trust Academic Scholarship is to encourage students to actively participate in their community through volunteering and to further their educational endeavors. The South Daytona Community Trust, Inc. provides this opportunity for *Hometown High School Seniors* to be productive and add to the improvement of our City. This organization believes that education is a large factor that determines the success of not only individuals, but also contributes to the greater success of our community.

Scholarship Award:

The scholarship amount awarded will be **$1,500.00** to be used by the student for tuition, books or related educational expenses. One scholarship will be awarded each year. The awarded funds will be deposited directly into the recipient's account at their selected college, university or trade school.

Scholarship Submission Requirements:

1. Student applicant must be a resident of South Daytona for at least twelve (12) months to qualify. A copy of the student's valid driver's license must be submitted with the application. The scholarship evaluation committee will verify the residency requirement by reviewing the submitted driver's license and comparing it to utility billing records.

2. Student must be a senior currently enrolled in high school – home school included.

3. Student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA (unweighted). An official transcript must be submitted with the application to verify GPA requirements.

4. Student must show proof of acceptance into a college, university, or post-secondary school.

5. Student must show proof of community service verified by a school counselor or parent if homeschooled. The demonstrated community service performed must be within the municipal limits of South Daytona.

6. Student must have at least one high school teacher recommendation.

7. Student must write an original, 500-word essay titled "How Does Volunteerism Benefit My Community". The essay should be a word document, double spaced and include the applicant's name, address, high school name and phone number. The required essay must be signed by the applicant to verify originality.

Scholarship Selection and Award:

All applications will be reviewed by City staff and a recommendation will be made to the South Daytona Community Trust Board of Directors for award. Evaluation criteria will include GPA, length of residency in South Daytona, community service achievements and the content presented in the required essay.

The award will be made at a regularly scheduled South Daytona Community Trust Board Meeting in May. All applicants will be notified if they were selected for award or not. The recommended applicant will be asked to attend the South Daytona Community Trust meeting to receive the award.

Scholarship Application Availability and Submission Deadline:

Applications are available on the City Website at www.southdaytona.org or at the Office of the City Manager, South Daytona City Hall, 1672 South Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, Florida.

Completed Scholarship Applications can be mailed to:
City of South Daytona
Attn: South Daytona Community Trust Academic Scholarship Application
PO Box 214960
South Daytona FL 32121-4960

Completed Scholarship Applications can be dropped off at:
City of South Daytona – City Manager's Office
1672 South Ridgewood Avenue
South Daytona, FL 32119

All applications must be received by the City before the submission deadline below. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Submission Deadline:	Friday, April 28, 2023 by 4:30 pm
Scholarship Award Date:	Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:00pm *(at regularly scheduled Community Trust Board Meeting)*

*Students related to any City of South Daytona Employee, Board or Council Member are not eligible to apply.

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<u>Personal Information:</u>

Name: _____
            Last   First   Middle

Permanent Address: _____
                              Street

South Daytona   *Florida*
_____
      City *(residency required)*   State   Zip   Phone

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

<u>Educational Information:</u>

Name and Address of selected college, university, or post-secondary school:

What is the degree or educational goal you desire to achieve?

Community Service Information:

Where Community Service Performed:

Type of Community Service performed:

Number of hours of Community Service performed:

Date range of the Community Service:

Guidance Counselor Signature: _____