

COMMUNITY BANKERS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA PRESENTS THE

JULIAN & JAN HESTER

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



STUDENT APPLICANT PACKET

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SUMMARY

THE JULIAN & JAN HESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The goal of The Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship is to assist deserving high school seniors in their first year of college and to promote community banking.

The scholarship is named after long-time CBA Chief Executive Officer, the late Julian Hester and his late daughter, Jan Hester. Jan was a senior at the University of Georgia when she died in an auto accident on April 15, 1990. In addition to supporting community banking, this scholarship is an opportunity to pass on the positive qualities both Julian and Jan Hester exemplified to further the development of tomorrow's generations.

1. Open to Georgia high school seniors who will be entering a Georgia university, college, or technical institute (if program is two or more years) in the fall semester of 2026. Scholarship funds will be awarded to another student if student does not start that semester.

2. Applicants must be sponsored by a CBA Member community bank to apply for the scholarship. Applicants do not have to be a customer of their sponsoring bank.

3. Requirements (Please do not staple. Use paper clips only.):

- a) Complete Application
- b) Complete Activity Record
- c) Complete Essay
- d) Complete Qualifications (1 page completed by a teacher, mailed to the bank by the teacher)
- e) Complete High School Transcript
- f) Printout of SAT and / or ACT scores (if not included on transcript)

(Failure to include ALL of the above will result in immediate disqualification.)

4. Mail or personally deliver all original documents to your sponsoring bank by the deadline.

5. Awards are based on academic merit and extracurricular participation, not financial need.

6. Four (4) \$1,000 scholarships funded by the Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA) and its membership will be awarded.

7. Scholarship funds are paid by the CBA directly to the college, university or technical institute to an account in the student's name to be applied toward tuition, books and expenses.

8. A community bank to do this, may also award an additional scholarship to its individual applicant; however, the bank is not required to do this.

9. All applications submitted by CBA member community banks will be reviewed. Those forwarded to the Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship Judging committee are applications with the highest scores, most impressive essays, school and community involvement and teacher recommendations.

10. The Judging Committee, comprised of CBA member banks and Associate Member companies, will meet and determine four (4) applicants chosen to receive the scholarships. A notice of the applicants chosen will be provided to the sponsoring community bank president. The four (4) award recipients will be notified by the sponsoring bank and the CBA.

11. Any award not utilized may, at the Committee's discretion, be used to increase the number of awards for the next year, or the scholarship will be awarded to one of the semi-finalists.

2026 APPLICATION

THE JULIAN & JAN HESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship Fund is fully funded thanks to the generosity of CBA bankers and Associate Members.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD:

All Georgia high school seniors are eligible to compete for this scholarship if they are planning to enter a Georgia university, college, or technical institute (two-year program or more) in the fall semester of 2026 following their high school graduation (applicant must be a full-time student). Recipients will be named solely on the basis of merit; family financial need is not a consideration.

To be considered for this award, the following items must be received by your **Community Bank President and/ or CEO** on or before **Friday, April 3, 2026**.

1. The Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship **completed** application from the applicant, including an essay on community banking
2. The Candidate's Activity Record
3. The Candidate's Qualification Sheet from one Mathematics, Science or Humanities teacher
4. The Applicant's high school transcript* from the high school counselor
5. Printout of SAT and/or ACT scores (if not included on transcript)

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After the application deadline, complete applications will be reviewed and evaluated based on the following criteria:

- A. High school record/transcript
- B. Printout of SAT and/or ACT scores (if not included on transcript)
- C. Qualification statement from a high school teacher
- D. Candidate's essay on community banking
- E. Candidate's Activity Record listing leadership positions, activities, honors, community service and awards

Your community bank will submit your application to the Community Bankers Association of Georgia, where finalists will be chosen. The four (4) award recipients will be notified by the Community Bankers Association of Georgia and the sponsoring bank. The winners will be announced by the end of April 2026.

AWARD VALUE:

Four (4) scholarships of \$1,000 each are awarded annually. The funds will be sent directly to the recipient's chosen college, university or technical institute to an account in the student's name, to be applied toward tuition. The recipient must be a registered full-time student before payment is rendered to the school. The scholarship awards are not renewable.

Fill out form below for reference. Mail Scholarship Application Materials to:

Community Bank President

Bank Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

DEADLINES FOR RECEIPT

STUDENT TO BANK: Friday, April 3, 2026

BANK TO CBA OFFICE: Friday, April 10, 2026

DETACH AND KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This application is valid only for high school seniors graduating in the 2026 academic year.

*Transcripts often include Social Security numbers. For your security, please feel free to redact before submitting to the bank.

2026 APPLICATION

THE JULIAN & JAN HESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Student Information

(Please note: If handwritten, please write legibly. Illegible applications are subject to disqualification.)

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Address: _____

Street

City

County

State

Zip

Best Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email _____

University, College or Technical Institute You Are Planning to Attend in Fall 2026: _____

Parents or Guardian: Father

Mother

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

High School(s) Attended:

Name	City	County	State	From MM/YY	To MM/YY	Estimated Grad Date
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please complete all fields below:

Numerical Grade Avg _____ GPA _____ Class Rank # _____ # of people in Class _____

SAT Scores: Verbal (Critical Reading) _____ Math _____ Writing _____ ACT Composite _____

(Include documentation if not included on HS transcript.)

Joint College Enrollment:

Name	City	County	State	From MM/YY	To MM/YY	Estimated Grad Date
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

I have read the scholarship guidelines and procedures on the information page of this application and ask that I be considered for the Julian & Jan Hester Memorial Scholarship with full understanding of the conditions. Also, I give my permission for release of information requested from my high school. This may include evaluations by high school teachers, SAT and/or ACT scores, and other information related to determining my qualifications for the scholarship. I understand that applications will be kept confidential, and I waive any right of access to them. If I am chosen to receive a scholarship, I permit CBA of Georgia to post my essay in its entirety on its website.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Name of Sponsoring Bank: _____

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CANDIDATE'S ESSAY

THE JULIAN & JAN HESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Please include a typed essay (500 words or less) answering the prompt, then attach it to this application.

Prompt: What do you think is the most important aspect of community banking? Why? Has a specific community bank made an impact on you? Support your answer.

Information and brochures to help you can be obtained from your community bank. To locate a community bank in your area, please call Becky Soto at CBA at (770) 541-4490.

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CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS

THE JULIAN & JAN HESTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

To be filled out by student:

Community Bank President or CEO
Community Bank Name
Mailing Address
City, State, Zip

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT

TEACHER TO BANK: Friday, April 3, 2026

(Community Bank Name)

ATTN: CBA Scholarship Program

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

**To be completed by a science, math or humanities teacher and mailed directly to
the contact listed above:**

Student's Name _____	Name of Teacher _____	
Phone Number _____	Academic Area _____	# Years Teaching _____
Position _____	Time you have known this student: _____	
Courses you have taught this student: _____		
School Name _____		
School Address _____	County _____	
School City, State, Zip _____		

General Ratings

Please evaluate the student in terms of the following characteristics by checking the boxes under the appropriate heading. In choosing each rating, please compare this student with all other students you have taught.

	Poor	Average	Good (top 15%)	Outstanding (top 5%)	Top few I have met	No basis for judgment
Academic Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Peer Interaction	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Reaction to Setbacks	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Concern of Others	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Are there any characteristics that differentiate this student from other bright students? In what way has this student shown initiative either in or outside the classroom? Also, please list any other information that might be helpful in evaluating this student. (Feel free to attach another sheet if needed.)

Teacher: When complete, please mail this page along with any attachments directly to the sponsoring bank noted above.