

**The Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage
Center Association**

Walt Hammer Heritage Award



Walt Hammer (1928-2000)

Walt Hammer served as Mayor of Scottsboro from 1988 to 1992. His continuous promotion of Scottsboro was responsible for bringing several industries to the city. Walt's pride in the city of Scottsboro was best summed up by his phrase; "Scottsboro Someplace Special." He had a lifelong interest in the history of Scottsboro and Jackson County. In 1967 he researched and published, [A Pictorial Walk Thru Ol' High Jackson](#), which was well received and enjoyed four printings. In the 1980's he approached Scottsboro City Council to consider buying the Proctor House for the City's Museum. The Council did so, and the house stands today as the Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center. Walt served on various committees and boards throughout his life in Scottsboro. He believed in the community he lived in and the people in it.

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Presented by: **The Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center Association**

Award Amount: **\$3,000**

Deadline Date for Application Submission: **April 20, 2026**

Notification of Award: **May 15, 2026**

Accepted Applicants: **Any Jackson County High School Senior**

Application Process:

1. **Complete the attached application.**
2. **Write an essay about a leader (past or present) in Jackson County, Alabama:**
 - a. **Essay Theme: examine the life of one Jackson County leader past or present. Describe how they have made a positive impact on Jackson County during their leadership tenure, or as a community member at large involved in certain programs or even the legacy of their own life. You might consider looking at one event or one period and how they influenced the outcome.**
 - b. **The essay must be the contestant's original work. Any essays that are generated partially or wholly by Artificial Intelligence will not be considered for the grant.**
 - c. **Essays must be a 1,000-word maximum. Title and footnotes do not contribute to the overall word count.**
 - d. **Quotations may be used sparingly if sources are plainly identified.**
 - e. **All entries must be typewritten, double spaced and in English.**
 - f. **The essay cannot be written about Walt Hammer.**
3. **Essay Evaluation**
 - a. **Essays will be evaluated and assigned points based on the following criteria:**
 - i. **Demonstrated knowledge of chosen theme and quality of available references**
 - ii. **Theme development**
 - iii. **Clarity of Ideas**
 - iv. **Mechanics (grammar, spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.)**
4. **Mail your postmarked essay and completed application by April 19 to:**

**Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center Association
Attn: Rachel Moore
208 S. Houston St.
Scottsboro, Al 35768**

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Student Application

Student Information:

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Academic Information:

Name and address of high school attended: _____

Graduation date: _____ High School GPA: _____

College planning to attend: _____

Planned Field of Study: _____

Career Objective: _____

Family Information:

Father: Living Deceased

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Mother: Living Deceased

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Occupation: _____

Please list any school, community, or church activities in which you have participated.

(Attach additional pages if needed)

Checklist of required items:

- Student Application
- High School Transcripts
- Minimum of one letter of recommendation
- Required Essay

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct and no part of the essay has been written by artificial intelligence. I authorize the award committee to make such an investigation of this application as it deems appropriate to include the contact of any of the individuals or institutions referred to in the application. I also give my consent for the transmittal or communication to the scholarship committee by any academic institution that I have attended of grade, class standing or quality point information, as well as information concerning extracurricular activities. I understand that the falsification of any information contained in this application will disqualify me from further consideration or receipt of funds from the scholarship award. I understand and agree that the essay I submit to the award committee will become the property of The Scottsboro Jackson Heritage Center Association and may be used for various educational purposes as deemed appropriate by its board.

Name (please print)

Signature of Applicant

Date