Reaching Out

A History of Support

The Big Canoe Chapel Scholarship Program was introduced in 1982 with the goal of encouraging Pickens and Dawson County high school students to attend college.

This program recognizes that one of the most challenging aspects of attending college is the cost associated with the initial year. While the goal is not to cover all costs of the initial year, the program is designed to provide meaningful contributions through scholarship dollars.

To date, this program has awarded over $3.2 million in scholarships to over 2,400 Pickens and Dawson County college bound students.

In addition to the Big Canoe Chapel Scholarships, Big Canoe Chapel supports over 50 programs and organizations locally and around the world to help improve the human condition. Locally Big Canoe Chapel is reaching out to over 30 organizations in Dawson and Pickens Counties.

Big Canoe Chapel will always provide a compassionate and caring central focus for the Big Canoe community, and gladly share the monetary and human resources entrusted to us by God to reach out to people in need, both at home and around the world. One way in which the members of the Big Canoe Chapel seek to do this is through our Big Canoe Scholarship Program for the young adults of Dawson and Pickens Counties that enables them to grow into the men and women God created them to be.

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BIG CANOE Chapel
The heartbeat of the community

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Helping college bound seniors in Dawson and Pickens Counties

The Big Canoe Chapel Scholarship Program

2027 Scholarships

In the tradition of providing help to the young adults of our community, the Big Canoe Chapel announces the availability of scholarship funds to selected high school seniors in the class of 2027.

2022 Pickens County scholarship recipients.

Any student may apply who is a resident of Pickens or Dawson County and is graduating from an accredited high school or is home schooled and wishes to further his/her education in any as a full time student.

The primary criterion for determining the amount of the scholarship is family financial need and scholastic achievement. Applicants must be HOPE eligible with a 3.50 GPA and 1100 SAT and / or 22 ACT test scores.

All students will be interviewed by a member of the Scholarship Committee.

2022 Dawson County scholarship recipients.

How to Apply

To be considered for a Big Canoe Chapel Scholarship, each high school applicant must follow the steps below.

1. Complete the Scholarship application found in your counselor's office or printed from http://bigcanoechapel.com. (From menu at top of home page select "Outreach" and then "Scholarships".)

2. Have your high school provide the Scholarship Committee a transcript of your high school grades and SAT / ACT score. Applicants' must be HOPE eligible and have a 3.50 GPA with 1100 SAT and/or 22 ACT test scores.

3. Provide two written personal references: one from your school, such as a teacher, counselor or administrator, and one from an adult outside your school or family.

4. Complete the Senior Profile found online. Your counselor will give you the necessary information to secure and complete the form. Please be as specific as possible in responding to the questions.

5. Senior Resume—9th through 12th grade.

6. Provide a letter of acceptance from a college of your choice. Mail or fax it to the Chapel as soon as you receive it. We cannot disburse your award until we receive this.

7. **Completed application and required documents must be in the counselor's office by noon on Friday, January 15, 2027.**

Home schooled students must submit their completed application to the Big Canoe Chapel office by noon on Friday, January 15, 2027.

For More Information

If you have any questions about the Big Canoe Chapel Scholarships, eligibility requirements, or the application process, please contact your high school counselor or the Big Canoe Chapel at 470-273-6768.