

**CUMMING CIVITAN CLUB
ESTABLISHED APRIL, 1987
PO BOX 2171, CUMMING, GEORGIA 30028**

January 2025

Attention: Forsyth County School Senior Guidance Department Personnel

The Cumming Civitan Club invites the 2025 Seniors to apply for the following:

**CUMMING CIVITAN CLUB JOYCE HAWKINS MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AND
COMMUNITY SERVICE**

One \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the top Senior demonstrating the applicant's community service and involvement as well as their ability to build good citizenship within the community. All Seniors are encouraged to apply.

The application for the 2025 scholarship is enclosed. All criteria and general information about the scholarship is listed on page three of the application. Any application that does not meet the listed requirements will not be considered.

Feel free to make as many copies of the application as needed. Please note that all applications must be postmarked on or before April 1, 2025

If you have questions, you may reach me at 770-757-6468.

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Sincerely,

Linda Walraven

Linda Walraven, Cumming Civitan Club

Scholarship Committee Chair

CUMMING CIVITAN CLUB

Cumming Civitan Club is an affiliated club with Civitan International, which was founded in 1917 in Birmingham, Alabama. The mission of Civitan worldwide is to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping children and adults with developmental disabilities. The Civitan flagship project is support of the Civitan International Research Center at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, the leading developmental disabilities research center in the US.

JOYCE HAWKINS

Joyce Wallace Hawkins graduated from Forsyth County High School in 1958. She lived a life of community and public service. She served her church as pianist and organist for 68 years. She was a member of Cumming Civitan Club for over 25 years. Joyce served as elected Judge of Probate Court for Forsyth County for over 28 years, plus serving in numerous church, county, and state positions throughout her life. Cumming Civitan established this scholarship in 2015 to commemorate Joyce's life of service and her exemplification of the Civitan Creed.

THE CIVITAN CREED

I AM CIVITAN: As old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.

MY HANDS: Do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.

MY EARS: Hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress, and unity.

MY EYES: Search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan.

MY MOUTH: Utters the call to daily duty and speaks prayers in every tongue.

MY MIND: Teaches me respect for law and the flag of my country.

MY HEART: Beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity, and throbs with joy at every triumph of truth,

MY SOUL: Knows no fear but its own unworthiness.

MY HOPE: Is a better world through Civitan.

MY MOTTO: Builders of good citizenship.

MY BELIEF: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

MY PLEDGE: To practice the Golden Rule and to build upon it a better and nobler citizenship.

2025 Cumming Civitan Club Joyce Hawkins Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Citizenship and Community Service - Criteria and General Information

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist a Forsyth County High School Senior who has an outstanding record of community service in pursuing his/her educational objectives. Academics and financial need will be reviewed; the overriding criteria will be the applicant's community service history and involvement. The scholarship award for 2025 will be \$1000.00

Students who plan to attend an accredited college, university, accredited technical, vocational or trade school are eligible for this scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded without regard to race, creed, sex, or national origin.

Upon verification of acceptance **and** enrollment from the accredited school, the scholarship will be made payable to the educational institution in the name of the scholarship recipient.

The Application must be mailed with sufficient postage and postmarked on or before April 1, 2025. Recipient will be notified by May 6, 2025.

Application Requirements

Cover sheet – Please complete the applicant's information page and submit it with the required documents.

Essay – An essay of 500 words maximum must accompany this application. The essay must be typed and double-spaced. Applicant must express how his/her community activities align with the Civitan Creed by selecting one passage from the Creed and how he/she feels these experiences have prepared him/her for life. It should also reflect why community service is important.

List - A detailed list of community service activities occurring over the last three to four years.

Letters – **Two** letters of recommendation, one from a school official and one from another source, such as church member, volunteer project leader, neighbor, employer, but **NOT** from immediate family member.

School Transcript – Detailing GPA, club activity and extracurricular activities.

Statement of Financial Need – Financial need will be reviewed; however, the overriding criteria will be community service involvement. Indicate your financial need using a scale of 1 – 10, with 10 being the highest need.

Applicant must complete all requirements of the application.
Failure to complete all requested information will disqualify the application.

**2025 Cumming Civitan Club Joyce Hawkins Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding
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Applicant's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home & Cell Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

High School Address: _____

High School Phone Number: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

Counselor's Email Address: _____

Application Checklist

- _____ Application Cover Sheet
- _____ 500 Word Essay
- _____ List of Community Service Activities
- _____ Two Letters of Recommendation
- _____ School Transcript
- _____ Financial Need 1 - 10 _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Guidance Counselor

Date

Please Mail Application to: Cumming Civitan Club

Linda Walraven, Scholarship Chair

PO Box 2171 Cumming, Georgia 30028

