



## **Willis Austin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship 2022**

Willis Austin, Jr was born in Berkeley County on November 25, 1931 and worked hard early in his life as a farmer and blacksmith's assistant. Mr. Austin joined the US Air Force and served his country during the Korean War. Following his service he was accepted at The Citadel and graduated in 1958 – the first person to become a college graduate in his family. Mr. Austin moved his family to Hanahan in 1964 where he and his wife Barbara raised three sons Tim, Tony and Ted.

Willis Austin was very active in his service to the Hanahan community. He held strongly to the belief that a willingness to learn, personal responsibility and hard work formed the basis of success. In this light, the Austin Family would like to offer an annual scholarship in memory of our father, Willis Austin, Jr.

The intent of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a graduating senior from Hanahan High School with plans to attend The Citadel or Clemson University. The recipient of this scholarship will not necessarily be the class valedictorian. Beyond academics, additional significant factors shall be equally weighed in selecting the recipient. While the importance of academic achievement is obvious, there are other equally important factors that determine ones success in life. The willingness to work hard and perseverance play a significant role in one's career. When faced with a challenge the successful step up and do what is necessary, They are self-reliant, they show determination and do what is required to reach their goal. It is a misplaced view that an assigned task or a required effort is beneath ones' self. A willingness to work hard and do what it takes is a trait that will greatly improve anyone's chance at success in life. In addition to the willingness to work hard and persevere, true success is only meaningful when accompanied with integrity, character and faith. The Willis Austin, Jr Memorial Scholarship will award the Hanahan Senior who best demonstrates these traits.

### **Part 1: Scholarship Recipient Requirements**

- 1 – Acceptance and commitment to The Citadel or Clemson University
- 2 – Demonstration of a strong work ethic
- 3 – Demonstration of a well rounded student, character, athletics and community involvement

### **Part 2: Submission Requirements**

- 1 – One page resume of High School Achievements.
- 2 – One page essay describing life goals, demonstration of the Part 1 requirements above.
- 3 – Copy of college acceptance letter (The Citadel or Clemson).
- 4 – Letter of recommendation from faculty member (may be emailed).

Dec 24, 2021

Submission Deadline: 5:00 pm – Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Scholarship Amount: One time \$5000.00 awarded to the recipient, paid to the college / university

### **Submission Instructions**

- 1 – Applicant to mail High School Resume, copy of acceptance letter to The Citadel or Clemson and one page essay to address below with a post mark on or before submission deadline. Lengthy wordy essays will not receive bonus points. Be succinct and to the point.
- 2 – Letter of recommendation from faculty member to be mailed or emailed directly from faculty member on or before submission deadline. (scholarship@austinef.com)

Mail all materials to: (postmarked by April 23<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

Austin Education Foundation, Inc.  
c/o Tony Austin  
59 Sorento Blvd  
Hanahan, SC 29410

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**Willis Austin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship****Hanahan High Graduates**

Willis Austin, Jr.		The Citadel '58	
Tony Austin	HHS '80	The Citadel '84	Clemson (MS) '90
Lisa Austin			Clemson '87
Ashleigh Austin	HHS '09		Clemson '13
Rachael Austin	HHS '13		Clemson '17
Kailyn Austin	HHS '17		
Tim Austin	HHS '79		
Ted Austin	HHS '83	Board of Dir., Citadel Family Assoc. '12-'13	
Adam Austin	HHS '09	The Citadel '13	Clemson (MS) '14
Taylor Austin	HHS '11		
Kelsey Austin	HHS '13		Clemson '17

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