

Mike Baker Scholarship

Sponsored by Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, Wilson County Promotions and Wilson Bank & Trust for \$500.00 each for a total of \$1500.00. Cumberland University will provide matching funds for a total scholarship of \$3,000.00

Eligibility requirements:

- Student must be an entering transfer or returning full-time student to Cumberland University. **
- Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Student must be accepted to Cumberland University.
- Student must submit the requested information on or before the specified deadline.

Student must provide the requested information in the following order:

1. Completed application
2. Essay (limited to two pages) to include:
 - a. Why you wish to attend or return to Cumberland University
 - b. Why this scholarship is important to you
 - c. Why you deserve this scholarship
 - d. Any special considerations you wish the committee to make
3. Letter of intent to attend Cumberland University specifying beginning semester
4. Transcripts verifying Grade Point Average (Transcripts should be from all schools attended.)
5. Signed release of information to Cumberland University
6. Two letters of reference

Application procedure

1. Application completed and returned to the Lebanon Wilson Chamber of Commerce Office by 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2026.
2. Scholarship Committee reviews applications and chooses three finalists.
 - a. Vice-Chairperson of Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce Education Division will serve as Committee Chair.
 - b. Members of Committee will be appointed by Committee Chair.
3. Candidates not selected are notified by mail. Finalists notified by phone.
4. Interview may be required.
5. Candidates will be notified of decision upon completion of the process.
6. Scholarship recipients will be notified by June 1, 2026 and ask to attend Education Committee Meeting (time and date to be announced)
7. Scholarship checks will be written to Cumberland University on behalf of winner.

Money deposited in student's account will be for tuition/books only. Student cannot use scholarship monies for any purpose other than those specifically stated.

***The scholarship will be open first to any returning full-time student, second to any entering transfer, and third to any entering full-time student to Cumberland University. If no student qualifies under these guidelines, the scholarship will be opened up to any full-time freshman residing in Wilson County planning to attend any college/university in Tennessee, but no matching funds will be provided.*

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1. Full Name _____ Date _____

2. Address _____

3. Phone Number () _____

4. Have you been or will you be accepted by Cumberland University prior to semester for which funding is requested? ___Yes ___No

5. Please list all Honors and/or Advanced Placement courses you have taken or are currently taking.

6. Have you requested financial support from other sources? ___Yes ___No If so, please list. (Use back of application if additional space is needed.)

7. Please list volunteer/community service/school sponsored activities. (Use back of application if additional space is needed.)

8. Do you work outside the home? ___Yes ___No
If so, please list your employer and how many hours you work per week.

Release of Information:

I, _____, agree to allow the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee to have access to my records at Cumberland University to verify information pertinent to the scholarship process.

_____ Student Name (Printed)

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date