

## **Sheltia S. Murray Scholarship**

Miss Sheltia Shafnal Murray was born March 11, 1985 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee to the proud parents, Rodney and Brenda Malone Murray. Sheltia was a 2003 honors graduate of Oakland High School and the 2003 runner-up of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund of Rutherford County. She was a senior at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, studying to become a doctor from 2003 to 2006.

Sheltia was a very loving and affectionate person, taking the utmost pride in everything that she did. She was one who challenged herself and her peers on all levels. Sheltia had a caring, humble, and meek spirit, yet she also carried a “can-do” attitude, characteristics that are essential to a high school graduate entering college.

She professed a hope in Christ and united with the Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist Church at an early age. Sheltia was a member of the Mass Choir and the Youth Drill & Dance Team. Sheltia was a recipient of the “Youth of the Year” award at Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist Church, and for three consecutive years she received the top award for carrying the highest GPA of her peers.

The Sheltia S. Murray Scholarship Fund was created to assist graduating high school seniors promote their academic excellence. The proud parents of Sheltia S. Murray stated, “So many people supported and encouraged Sheltia throughout her collegiate career, and this scholarship is an opportunity to honor and celebrate her life legacy.”

**Jeremiah 29:11. For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.**

### **Sheltia S. Murray Scholarship**

The Sheltia S. Murray Scholarship is awarded to a student who will be a freshman for the Fall semester with a minimum 3.0 GPA and has a minimum ACT score of 22.

The deadline for the scholarship application is May 2nd, 2022 for the upcoming Fall semester. Applicants must be a Rutherford County High School Senior. All applications are required to include:

- One sealed recommendation letter
- ACT scores
- High school transcript
- Essay

At least two recipients will be chosen and notified by July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to receive a reward amount determined by their rank of qualification.

Please submit your application online at [murrayscholarship.org](http://murrayscholarship.org) or mail your application to: Sheltia S. Murray Scholarship, P.O. Box 12396 Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Please email any questions to [sheltiasmurrayscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:sheltiasmurrayscholarship@gmail.com).



**Academic Information**

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High School

City/Town/State

Date of graduation

Current GPA? \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please include ACT score and Transcript with application.**

If your GPA does not reflect your true academic ability please explain:

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Institution you will attend

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City/State/Zip

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Major

**Personal Achievements & Responsibilities:**

List any recent honors, recognitions, and awards (high school, community):

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Please list any community service or volunteer activities in which you are involved.

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**Please attach an essay explaining why are you applying for this scholarship and why do you feel you are deserving of this scholarship.**

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**Your signature on this form or submission of the this form indicates acceptance of the following: It is understood that withholding information requested in this application or giving false information may be caused for ineligibility to receive this scholarship. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Applicants must be admitted to a college or university prior to consideration for the scholarship.**

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Applicant signature

Date