



## 2026 ALET Debbie Rice Memorial Scholarship

The Alabama Leaders in Educational Technology (ALET) organization invites graduating seniors to apply for its \$10,000 2026 ALET Debbie Rice Memorial Scholarship. Applicants who meet the criteria below should read the guidelines carefully and follow the directions for submission. All applications and supporting materials must be postmarked by [December 5, 2025](#), in the formats indicated below.

### ALET Member Scholarship

Applicants whose parent is a member of ALET and who wish to be considered for the \$5,000 ALET Member Scholarship must be sure to indicate this on page 2 of the application. Note that applicants may be awarded either the Debbie Rice Memorial Scholarship or the ALET Member Scholarship, but not both. Previous winners of the ALET Member Scholarship are not eligible to apply a second time.

#### **Eligible Applicants:**

- The student must be a high school senior enrolled in an accredited Alabama high school.
- The technology director of the school system where the student is enrolled must be a current member of ALET as of 9/30/2025. A list of eligible systems is included in this packet.
- The applicant must have a minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher, using a 4.0 scale-unweighted.
- The applicant must have an ACT score of 17 or higher.
- Applicants must have the endorsement/signature of their Guidance Counselor/Principal on their application, attesting they are qualified to apply for this scholarship.
- The student must plan to attend an accredited college, university, or technical school physically located in the state of Alabama. Full-time online colleges do not qualify.
- The student should be interested in pursuing a degree in Computer Science, Information Technology, or a technology-related field.
- The student should be able to demonstrate a history of volunteering and be active in school or non-school extracurricular activities.



### **How to Apply:**

- Review the required materials checklist to ensure your application will be complete. Prepare all the necessary forms and documents and complete the checklist.
- All application packets must be mailed to ALET via U.S. Post Office or other carrier and postmarked before December 5, 2025.
- Unless otherwise indicated, all required materials, including letters of reference, **must be in the submitted packet.** Exception: Transcripts, see below.
- Incomplete packets will not be considered. Applicants may not add materials to the packet once it is received. (Exception: The transcripts may be sent separately but must be postmarked by December 5, 2025).

### **What to Include in your Scholarship Application Packet:**

- Application form, completed in full
- Signed Statement of Accuracy and Conditions
- Resume - See specific requirements in Checklist
- Essay - See specific requirements in Checklist (*Following directions is important. For example, points may be deducted if you respond to the essay questions in the wrong order.*)
- Two letters of recommendation:
  - Letters must be signed by the author and must also include their printed name, phone number, mailing address, and email address.
  - One letter must be from the principal and/or counselor of the student's high school.
  - Letters may **not** be sent by email.
- High school transcript:
  - Transcripts must come from the student's school but do not need to be official.
  - Transcripts may be included in the packet or be emailed directly from the school.
  - Transcripts must be emailed or postmarked by December 5, 2025. If by email, send to ALETscholarship@go-alet.org.
- Report Card from 1st grading period of this school year (copy is acceptable)
- ACT score report if it is not listed on school transcript



**Mail Application To:**

ALET Debbie Rice Memorial Scholarship  
3066 Zelda Road Box 215  
Montgomery, AL 36106-2651

**Questions:** Email questions to: [ALETscholarship@go-alet.org](mailto:ALETscholarship@go-alet.org)

**Confirmation of Receipt:**

When mailing the application package, we strongly suggest that the applicant get a tracking number so that they can be sure the package has been delivered.

**Incomplete Application Packages:**

The applicant must ensure the application is complete and arrives on time. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Review Committee and Award Date:**

A committee of selected volunteers from across the state will review the applications and determine the winner. The winner will be notified in early 2026. Register your email address to be notified when the winner is selected: [Notify me.](#)



**Complete the following 3 pages.**

**Include them with all requested materials in your Application Packet.**

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ALET Use Only: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT YOUR ANSWERS.**

First Name:

Last Name:

Middle Initial:

School System: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (On a 4.0 scale- unweighted)

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

Alabama College(s) you wish to attend:

College Major (ex. Computer Science, Engineering, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Home Mailing Address:

Student Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address only if different than above.)

Name(s):

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Home/Cell phone of parents or legal guardians:

Work phone:

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**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS and SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the ALET's scholarship award. (The winner may waive the photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Scholarship Committee, I must be present at an ALET determined event to receive the scholarship award.

I understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Scholarship Committee, it is my responsibility to remit to ALET the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution of choice located in the state of Alabama.

I hereby affirm that I have not taken part in any activities of any nature which are in conflict or against the laws of the United States of America, or any of the several states or any political subdivisions thereof. Violation of this requirement may result in disqualification of the student for the scholarship and any remaining balances having been issued must be returned.

This \$10,000 scholarship is contingent upon your acceptance and attendance at an Alabama college or university. If you should decide to attend a college outside of Alabama, you must notify us immediately as we would need to rescind the offer. ALET will release only as much of the award as is needed to pay your college costs. For instance, if you receive another scholarship and the two scholarships combined would exceed your needs for your freshman year, then we will defer the balance until your second year of school. The full amount should be expended within two academic years of the award. Any remaining balance will revert to ALET.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete application does not meet eligibility criteria and will not be considered for this scholarship.

**Signature of Scholarship Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian was member of ALET prior to 9/30/2025 and is currently a member** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY PRINCIPAL/GUIDANCE COUNSELOR and ALET Member:**

Name of Principal/Guidance Counselor submitting the application: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email and phone): \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Principal/Guidance Counselor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of System Technology Director who is a Member of ALET:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist – INCLUDE IN PACKET**

	<p><b>Application</b> with all questions answered.</p>
	<p><b>Statement of Accuracy/Conditions Signature Page.</b> All information completed. All signatures completed.</p>
	<p><b>Resume’</b> – 2-page limit. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school</li> <li>● List of hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, and school related volunteer activities</li> <li>● List of non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community and/or jobs</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Essay-</b> Please answer these questions <b>in the order below</b> to receive full points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Describe a life experience that shaped who you are today.</li> <li>● Describe your academic and career goals and your plans to achieve them.</li> <li>● How did you choose this career path?</li> <li>● Explain why technology is an important component of this career.</li> </ul> <p>(500 word maximum. Must be typed, and use the following formatting- Double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, One-inch top, bottom, and side margins.)</p>
	<p><b>2 Letters of Recommendation</b> – signed with contact information. One of these must be from the principal or counselor. Emails or email attachments will not be accepted.</p>
	<p><b>High School Transcripts</b> through 2025 school year. Transcripts must come from the student’s school, but do not need to be official. Indicate delivery method:          ___ Transcript included in this packet, or          ___ Transcript being emailed by school prior to 12/5/2025. (<a href="mailto:ALETscholarship@go-alet.org">ALETscholarship@go-alet.org</a>)          Name of counselor/registrar who will email transcript: _____</p>
	<p><b>Report Card from 1st grading period of <u>this</u> school year.</b> Indicate delivery method:          ___ Report card grades are on my transcript. (Be sure to confirm w/registrar or counselor)          ___ Copy of report card included in this packet.</p>
	<p><b>ACT Report.</b> Indicate delivery method:          ___ ACT score report included in this packet.          ___ My school will email my ACT report prior to December 5th.</p>

## Eligible School Systems

**DO NOT INCLUDE THIS IN YOUR APPLICATION - For Reference Only.**

System	First	Last
AL Institute for Deaf and Blind	Kyle	Gregg
AL School of Cyber Technology and Engineering	Heather	Terry
AL School of Fine Arts	DevVon	Pettway
Alabaster City	Anthony	Kingston
Albertville City	Torrey	Croft
Alexander City	Neal	Wagoner
Andalusia City	Matthew	McQuay
Anniston City	Cindy	Swain
Arab City	Brian	Quillin
Athens City	Marissa	Durisseau
Attalla City	Tim	Brothers
Auburn City	Gene	Gilmore
Autauga County	William	Conyers
Baldwin County	David	Besancon
Barbour County	Geoff	Jones
Bessemer City	Florence	Williams
Bibb County	Wesley	Lawley
Birmingham City	Joanne	Stephens
Blount County	Brad	Williams
Boaz City	Aaron	New
Brewton City	Adam	Robinson
Bullock County	Derrick	Cobb
Butler County	Matthew	Shell
Calhoun County	Lance	Driskell
Chambers County	Michael	Sanders
Cherokee County	Cassandra	Lindsey
Chickasaw City	Juwan	Withers

Chilton County	Nic	Cardwell
Choctaw County	Christopher	Holcombe
Clarke County	James	Gissendanner
Clay County	Chad	Harris
Cleburne County	Corey	Cochran
Coffee County	Tami	Crosby
Colbert County	Matt	Osborn
Conecuh County	Triston	Ewing
Coosa County	Caleb	Whorton
Covenant Academy of Mobile	Jessica	McCants
Covington County	Mark	Miller
Crenshaw County	Kevin	Messick
Cullman City	Michael	Fowlkes
Cullman County	Marvin	Calvert
Dale County	Juan	Cepero
Dallas County	Rick	Cortright
Decatur City	Bryan	Keenum
DeKalb County	Jimmy	Benefield
Dothan City	Jeremy Green	Green
Elba City	Colby	Capps
Elmore County	Barbara	Burchard
Enterprise City	Brad	Johnson
Escambia County	David	Mathis
Etowah County	Daryl	Henson
Eufaula City	James	Bailey
Fairfield City	Walt	Curry
Fayette County	Veronica	White
Florence City	Adam	Edwards
Fort Payne City	Greg	Titshaw
Franklin County	Sandra	Guinn

Gadsden City	David	Asbury
Geneva City	Ricky	Nickolson
Geneva County	Thad	Smith
Greene County	Rebecca	Coleman
Gulf Shores City	Joey	Drews
Guntersville City	Ric	Moseley
Hale County	Robert	Stewart
Haleyville City	William	Bishop
Hartselle City	Tim	Southerland
Henry County	Lee	Fortson
Homewood City	Teri	Varnado
Hoover City	Kelli	Lane
Houston County	Alex	Hagan
Huntsville City	Emily	Elam
i3 Academy	Krystal	Wright
Jackson County	Derek	Wright
Jacksonville City	Shawn	Hudgins
Jasper City	Susan	Chandler
Jefferson County	Sara	Fenn
Lamar County	Darren	Gottwald
Lanett City	Whittany	Nolen
Lauderdale County	John	Alley
Lawrence County	Laura	Gaines
LEAD Academy	Angela	Starks-Larcheveaux
Lee County	Andrew	Click
Leeds City	Andrew	Jackson
Legacy Prep	Urick	Wright
Limestone County	Linda	Smith
Linden City	Brandon	Ellis
Lowndes County	Benitha D	Mathews

Madison City	Tommy	Paone
Madison County	Nikki	Rodman
Magic City Acceptance Academy	Emily	Eddings-Sandley
Marengo County	Kevin	Culpepper
Marion County	Chris	Brasher
Marshall County	Charlie	Jimmerson
Midfield City	Ura	Elliott
Mobile County	David	Akridge
Monroe County	Jeremy	Biggers
Montgomery County	Michael	Powell
Morgan County	Trey	Chowning
Mountain Brook City	Suzan	Brandt
Muscle Shoals City	Todd	Meckes
Oneonta City	Heidi	Chambers
Opelika City	Landon	Pickard
Opp City	Lance	McCollough
Orange Beach City	Tiffany	Walters
Oxford City	Sherita	Hayes
Ozark City	Walter	Handley
Pelham City	Derrick	Waddell
Pell City	Kara	Berry
Perry County	Allison	Taylor
Phenix City	Mandy	Loreman
Pickens County	Ken	Ryals
Piedmont City	Matt	Glover
Pike County	Stephanie	Snyder
Pike Road City	Diana	Simpson
Randolph County	Calan	Daniel
Roanoke City	Blake	Treadwell
Russell County	Fabian	Bauerschmidt

Russellville City	Joel	Andrews
Saraland City	Zach	Richardson
Satsuma City	Steve	Cochran
Scottsboro City	Russ	Smith
Selma	Earl	Coleman
Sheffield City	Steven	Green
Shelby County	Ingrid	Abner
St Clair County	Russ	Stewart
Sumter	Pam	Bass
Sylacauga	Michael	Robinson
Talladega City	Matthew	Fuller
Talladega County	Brooke	Morgan
Tallapoosa County	Joel	Padgett
Tallassee City	Jim	Davis
Thomasville City	Kate	Huggins
Troy City	Duncan	Lindsey
Trussville City	April	Chamberlain
Tuscaloosa City	Chris	Jenks
Tuscaloosa County	Brad	Jessen
Tuscumbia City	Tommy	Milstead
University Charter School	Greg	Hughey
Vestavia Hills City	Brendan	Lovelady
Walker County	Patrick	Gann
Washington County	Jeff	Ford
Winfield City	Chad	Beasley