

Frank “Corky” Chenault Memorial Scholarship

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Amount: 1 scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2026/2027 school year

Comments: Applicants must be a graduating Benton High School senior that will be entering their freshman year of higher education. Applicants must currently hold at least a 2.5 High School Grade Point Average.

Applicant must be seeking a degree in education.

Deadline: March 3, 2026

Frank “Corky” Chenault served as Superintendent of the Benton Public Schools (1986-1999). Prior to his administrative role, Corky was a Teacher and Coach. “Corky” loved kids and placed a high emphasis on the value of education and community involvement.

“Corky” served on the Board of the Boys & Girls Club of Saline County (2007-2014). He also served as a volunteer coach from 1976-1983. Corky chaired the payroll deduction program in which employees of the Benton School District could donate a portion of their monthly income to further educational opportunities for kids in need. This program continues to raise money for the Boys and Girls Club after-school educational programs

Frank was loved by many, but mostly by his wife Linda Jo Chenault and his three children: Karen Stout, Karla Neathery, and Greg Chenault.

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BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS ONLY

The Boys & Girls Club of Saline County has established the Frank “Corky” Chenault Memorial Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist students entering their freshman year of higher education through one of Arkansas’s private, public, vocational, and community colleges or universities. The scholarship will be paid in the fall 2026 semester.

Deadline:

March 3, 2026 – Postmarked

Incomplete packets will not be considered

To Obtain Application Packet

Email Heath@scbgclub.com with Scholarship in Subject Line.

No packets will be mailed out.

Send Completed Applications To:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Saline County, Attn: Scholarship Committee
1810 Citizens Drive, Benton, Arkansas 72015

Applications may be handwritten or typed.
Packets must contain *all* requested information.

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Criteria for Application and Submission Check Off List

- ☐ Applicant must be a graduating senior from Benton high School, entering their freshman year of College.
- ☐ Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- ☐ Applicant must **personally** complete the Frank “Corky” Chenault application with signature, and provide all the necessary documentation. All requested information must be sent in the application packet – individual pieces of information will not be accepted.
- ☐ Applicant must submit a recent photograph with application.
- ☐ Applicant must submit a copy of his/her Benton High School transcript.
- ☐ Applicant must submit a 100 word or less, essay concerning the impact this scholarship will have on their educational future. Applications with essays in excess of 100 words will be automatically disqualified.
- ☐ Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendations. Preferences are: one from either an Instructor or Counselor from Benton High School; and one from a community leader. The letters must be signed by the person making the recommendation. **No electronic signatures will be accepted.**
- ☐ Applicant must be or have been a Club member or has played a sport through the Boys & Girls Club of Saline County.
- ☐ The Scholarship Committee may conduct personal interviews with the finalists. The time and date will be discussed.

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2026 Scholarship Application

Personal Information:

Date Application Submitted: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Email Address: _____

Parental/Guardian Information:

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Are your parent(s)/guardian(s) employed? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, where?

Father/Guardian: _____

Mother/Guardian: _____

How many people live in your parent(s) home? _____

Please check all that apply:

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepfather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mother | <input type="checkbox"/> Stepmother |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sister(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparent(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brother(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other(s) Who: _____ |

Is anyone in the household disabled? Yes ____ No ____ If yes, who? _____

Is anyone in the household currently serving in the Military? Yes ____ No ____

Is anyone in the household currently attending a College or Vo-tech? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, where? _____

Education Information:

What is your current Grade Point Average? _____

Will you receive the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship? Yes ____ No ____

What will be your specific field of study in Education? _____

Financial Information:

Do you live with your parents? _____

Are you currently employed? Yes ____ No ____ if yes, where and how many hours per week? _____

Will you be seeking employment while obtaining your degree? Yes ____ No ____

Do your parents plan to provide financial support to your education? Yes ____ No ____

Are there any scholarships that you are receiving? Yes ____ No ____ if yes, what is the estimated value? _____

Please attach the following (*please type*):

- A list of special recognitions you have received while attending Benton High School
- A list of any activities clubs or sports that you have been involved with while at Benton High School. (school, community, church, etc)
- A recent photograph
- An essay of 100 words or less to explain to the committee why you feel the Frank "Corky" Memorial Scholarship is important to the future of your education.
- A copy of your high school transcript
- 2 letters of recommendation (school reference and a community reference)

Signature of Applicant

Date