



SAMFORD UNIVERSITY  
THE BEESON EXCEPTIONAL  
SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Dr. Robert Kenley  
Parkway Christian Academy  
959 Huffman Road,  
Birmingham, AL 35215-7846

Dear Robert Kenley:

Samford University is pleased to provide you with information about the *Beeson Exceptional Scholarship Program*, a competitive merit scholarship program for high-achieving students in Alabama. It was the desire of Mrs. Lucille Beeson to fund a scholarship program which would assist deserving students with the total cost of their college education, in order to encourage the best and brightest students to study and remain in Alabama.

The principal or guidance counselor from each accredited high school may nominate one candidate per 200 graduating students. Nominees will be reviewed, attend local interviews, and regional finalists will interview in Birmingham, in February. The *Beeson Scholars* will be announced in late spring. The scholarship covers the entire cost of tuition, room, board, books, and other fees. This merit scholarship provides a four-year renewable scholarship, provided minimum requirements are met each year.

The 2007 *Beeson Scholars* scored an average above 30 on the ACT, earned a grade point average above a 4.1, and demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities by excelling in their schools, churches, and communities. They attended both public and private schools, with senior class sizes ranging under forty to over five hundred. Please keep these criteria in mind when choosing your candidates to allow your nominee the best opportunity to be competitive for the scholarship.

The nomination form and brochure explaining the process are enclosed with this letter. Please submit your nominations no later than December 1. To assure that your nominee is most competitive, scores from the December test date will be accepted for nominees whose applications are complete. All nominees must submit a completed application postmarked by December 1, 2007. This will also assure that students will be considered for other merit scholarship opportunities, should they not receive the *Beeson*.

Nominate students you see becoming a part of the Samford community, but also candidates that are the most competitive, having a 28 ACT or higher. The selection process often generates an interest in Samford that previously did not exist. Conversely, a non-competitive candidate and their parents are often disappointed when eliminated due to lower test scores or academic qualifications. However, many enroll at Samford with other scholarship funds.

Thank you for your assistance in the nomination process. Please contact me personally with any questions about the nomination process. I look forward to working with you. For more information, please telephone me at (205) 726-2902, or by email at [bewillett@samford.edu](mailto:bewillett@samford.edu).

Sincerely,

Brian E. Willett  
Director of Admission

Enclosures: Beeson Brochure, Beeson Nomination Form