

SELF Alive2Thrive

Scholarship Program Information



WHAT IS IT?

The **Alive2Thrive** program is a comprehensive social and emotional learning (SEL) curriculum featuring 36 short 2- to 4-minute lesson videos segmented into four targeted modules. High school students who complete all of the lessons and then undergo an interview to determine that they grasp the content will be awarded a **\$2000 scholarship** upon proof of graduation.

There is one goal to this program: To empower students with the skills needed to guide their own life decisions and fulfill their potential. Employers have stated, and scientific research proves, that young adults with the skills of social and emotional intelligence are highly desirable and are the most successful adults in the workforce. Because of this, ***we want to help high school students in Sumter County learn SEL, and we'll award those who do with a scholarship!*** We ask that our high school-aged scholarship applicants *commit* to investing their time and attention to completing our **19 virtual sessions (one session per week, lasting about an hour)**, which will cover an introduction and then 2 of the 36 lessons each week. Upon completion, a short interview will be required to prove an understanding of the content and how to apply it to their life, after which **we will award a \$2000 scholarship** payable to any school for post-high school education they choose, whether state college, university, or trade/vocational schooling.

WHY??? ***We want to help students win the biggest game of all - LIFE!*** We believe strongly that SEL skills should be taught from infancy through high school and mandated in the school systems; if they were, students would do better in school and ultimately grow into more well-adjusted adults who have functional relationships, make wise life choices, and get good jobs. Adults who lack these skills often experience many of the difficulties that society deals with today, including mental health issues, dysfunctional relationships and poor school & job performance, to name just a few. Let us help! To receive an application, or to submit your completed application, email us at Mary@SantoroFoundation.org, and we'll let you know when our next classes start.