

# Institute for Families in Society The Michael Daniel and Alexander Tyler Smith Scholarship Application 2026 Student

*Applicants must be recommended by a faculty member in psychology, social work, nursing, or public health. Students must be of junior level standing at USC Columbia and show outstanding promise as a helping professional for children and families. Scholarship funds will be applied to student tuition. Preference will be given to a student with financial need.*

Nominating Faculty Member Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

The Michael Daniel Smith and Alexander Tyler Smith Scholarship is provided in memory of two young boys who died under tragic circumstances. In a separate word document, no more than 1500 words, please answer the following questions:

1. What is your major and how does it contribute to your understanding of child maltreatment prevention?
2. What are your career goals or academic plans (i.e. next 2-5 years)?
3. What work or life experiences have you had that contribute to your understanding of child maltreatment prevention? Please indicate if paid, volunteer or for academic credit.
4. In what ways can you envision working to strengthen families and possibly prevent some similar to what occurred with the Smith family?
5. Please describe your financial needs and how this scholarship specifically can help you achieve your academic goals. Please include information about all other known or expected financial support for the upcoming academic year.

Note: All application essays must be typed using double spacing and font size 12.

All application materials (this cover page and your essay) must be emailed or faxed to Andrenette Hudley Office/Human Resources Manager, Institute for Families in Society, at [Hudley@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:Hudley@mailbox.sc.edu), or fax to 803-777-1120, no later than Monday, March 16, 2026.