

Darke County Foundation

High School Scholarship Application

Instructions:

High school seniors who live in Darke County and attend a Darke County high school or are home-schooled may submit this application by **April 1, 2017**. One application allows you to be considered for all categories of high school scholarships. Awards are based on the following criteria (not necessarily in this order): grade point average, ACT score, activities, essay and financial need. Financial need is not a factor for some scholarships.

The Darke County Foundation uses a reimbursement method of awarding scholarships. Potential recipients will be announced at the high school graduation or awards program. Scholarship money will be disbursed following the student's first semester (or quarter) in college, providing the student earns at least a 2.75 grade point average in that grading period. Students are required to submit their first semester (or quarter) college transcript to the Darke County Foundation by Jan. 6, 2018. The Foundation will issue a check to the student upon receipt of satisfactory transcript.

If you have any questions, please contact the Darke County Foundation at (937) 548-4673 or cprakel@darkecountyfoundation.org.

This application and all supporting material must be *postmarked* by **April 1, 2017** and sent to:

Darke County Foundation
P.O. Box 438
Greenville, OH 45331

Checklist:

- Typed application (*No hand-writing. Download application from the internet, use your computer to type directly onto application, print and send.*)
- First page of 2017 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) report stating your Estimated Family Contribution
- List of school and community activities
- Essay
- 7-semester transcript
- Do not use ANY staples or binder; use paper clip to attach all papers.
- No folding. Mail in 9x12" envelope.

**2017 Darke County Foundation
High School Scholarship Application**
(must be typed)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Parent phone _____ Applicant cell phone _____

E-mail for correspondence through January 2018 (pref. parent e-mail) _____

Name of high school _____ Parents' names _____

1. What college do you plan to attend? If you are still deciding, list colleges in order of preference.

2. Published annual cost (tuition/room & board) for each of these colleges: _____

3. List what course of study you plan to pursue, if known. _____

4. Level of degree you plan to complete:

- ____ Technical certificate (2 years or less)
- ____ Associate's degree (2 years)
- ____ Bachelor's degree (4 years)
- ____ Post-graduate degree (more than 4 years)

5. High school grade point average _____ Class rank _____ ACT and/or SAT Score _____

6. List any scholarships or grants (and amounts) you have been awarded thus far, or university aid you expect to receive from your intended college.

7. How do you expect to pay for your remaining expenses? (Loans, parental contribution, other aid.)

8. Number of dependent children in family _____ Number of children in college next year _____

9. In the space below, please indicate your family's adjusted gross income from last year's federal income tax return. This information will remain confidential.

_____ Under \$20,000	_____ \$60,000 - \$80,000	_____ \$125,000 - \$150,000
_____ \$20,000 - \$40,000	_____ \$80,000 - \$100,000	_____ \$150,000 - \$200,000
_____ \$40,000 - \$60,000	_____ \$100,000 - \$125,000	_____ over \$200,000

10. List any special circumstances that you want the committee to be aware of that affects your family's financial situation or your ability to attend college. (Examples: disability, medical expenses, child support obligations, loss of job, etc.)

11. Attach the first page of your 2017 FAFSA report (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that states your EFC number (estimated family contribution).

12. Attach a list with the following items, including any leadership positions, honors or awards for each item. If you use more than one page, **include your name** at the top of each sheet.

- **High school and community activities**
- **Employment** *during high school*, listing employer, type of work, dates of employment and hours per week.
- **Art students:** If you plan to major in an art-related field, mention any art-related activities, awards, honors or clubs that reflect your interest in art.
- **4-H members:** If you are/were a member *during high school*, identify your club, years of participation, leadership positions, projects completed, honors and awards.
- **FFA members:** Identify years of participation, leadership positions, honors and awards.
- **Choir or marching band members:** identify years of participation, leadership positions, honors and awards.
- **Vocational school students:** identify school, leadership positions, honors, awards.
- **Varsity athletes:** list all awards, honors and records you may have set for your varsity sports.

13. Typed essay (*Maximum of one page. Include your name at the top.*):

Many people have an abundance of material belongings. Some of these objects are necessary to sustain life; some provide comfort or convenience; some hold a special meaning for personal reasons. Describe a material item that is important to you. How does it add value or meaning to your life? (Do not write about your phone, car or religious object. Be creative and unique! Examples: bike, kitchen table, pencil, coat, book, hobby supplies.)

14. Include a 7-semester transcript of grades and test scores. This may include any college credit you have earned.