Scholarship Guidelines & Application for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

Applications may be submitted beginning March 1, 2012 and must be postmarked by March 31, 2012

Directions: Scholarships offered through the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) are made possible by the generosity of donors who help students such as you, plan post-secondary education. Please review the following steps to complete the application process.

Step 1: Scholarships offered through FAO have specific criteria developed by donors and FAO’s Scholarship Committee. Please review the criteria set forth on the following pages to determine the appropriate scholarships for which you will apply.

Step 2: Applicant Appraisals/Nominations (pages 9 & 10) – Two appraisal/nomination forms have been attached for your convenience. You are encouraged to select a school counselor or teacher/professor; if this procedure is inappropriate, you may select an employer, member of the clergy, job supervisor or other person who is in a position to recommend you according to the given criteria. Detach forms and deliver to your appraisers at your earliest convenience. You are responsible for collecting appraisals in sealed envelopes and including with your application.

Transcript Information (page 8) – High school seniors or students who have completed less than one full semester of post-secondary education must have the appropriate high school representative complete and sign the transcript section of this application, and those currently in post-secondary pursuits must supply a copy of their transcripts.

Step 3: Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and attach the Student Aid Report (SAR) with this application. For assistance, contact OACHE at 1-866-Go-OACHE.

Step 4: If any questions are not applicable to your current situation, please provide an explanatory note referring to the questions by section. Also, you may wish to have your school/college counselor review your application for accuracy before submission.

Step 5: You are responsible for ensuring all supporting documents are submitted in a complete application packet. This application becomes valid only when the following have been submitted, postmarked on or before March 31, 2012. Applications may not be faxed and must be sent or delivered to: FAO | P.O. Box 456 | Nelsonville, Ohio 45764. FAO reserves the right to process only applications complete as of the application postmark deadline. Your application must include:

[ ] Original Application, including all required signatures
[ ] Current Transcript of Student Grades signed by school official
[ ] Two (2) Applicant Appraisals/Nominations in sealed envelopes, if applicable
[ ] Student Aid Report listing your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from FAFSA
[ ] Applicant must sign application (page 8)
**FAO Scholarship Guidelines**

**Process:** FAO annually appoints a Scholarship Committee to recommend awards. Final approval is made by the Foundation’s Board of Trustees and decisions are final. Scholarships will be paid directly to the scholar’s college, university or vocational school. FAO scholarship awards may vary from year to year in the number and amount of each award. All awards are made payable directly to the institution of enrollment on the student’s behalf, for the purposes and expenses associated with tuition, fees, textbooks, required supplies and equipment.

**Notification of Awards:** All scholarship award recipients will be officially contacted by the Foundation no later than May 25, 2012. You may check the Foundation’s website at www.appalachianohio.org for a complete posting of all recipients by June 30, 2012.

**Information and Criteria on Scholarship Opportunities**

**The AK Steel Foundation**

The [AK Steel Foundation Student Scholastic Award for Science, Technology, Math and Engineering](www.appalachianohio.org) was established by the AK Steel Foundation to provide a permanent source of scholarship support for students pursuing studies in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, with particular emphasis on metallurgy.

Scholarships are available to both traditional and non-traditional students. Headquartered in West Chester, Ohio (Greater Cincinnati), AK Steel produces flat-rolled carbon, stainless and electrical steels, primarily for automotive, infrastructure and manufacturing, construction and electrical power generation and distribution markets.

**Eligibility Requirements & Criteria**

- Must be a student within the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio pursuing or beginning pursuit of study in the field of science, technology, engineering or mathematics;
  - *Priority will be given to those with a specific focus of metallurgy,*
- Overall academic achievement, with a particular emphasis on high achievement and career interest in STEM fields, with a future commitment to work in Ohio.
- Demonstrated financial need.

**Amount of Award:** Scholarship awards and amounts will vary, depending on availability of funds. Scholarship awards are made payable directly to the institution of enrollment on the student’s behalf, for the purposes and expenses associated with tuition, fees, textbooks, and required supplies and equipment.

**The Ora E. Anderson Scholarship**

The [Ora E. Anderson Scholarship](www.appalachianohio.org) was established to honor Ora Eaton Anderson in memory of his lifelong contributions toward the conservation and protection of Appalachian Ohio’s natural environment. Throughout his life, Anderson leveraged the perspective and passion he gained as a young reporter, documenting the development of the region’s forests to create educational environmental experiences for others.

Through poems, essays, wood carvings and a variety of civic contributions, Anderson led unprecedented collaborations and inspired people from all walks of life to appreciate and care for Appalachian Ohio’s landscape. Over his lifetime, Ora planted tens of thousands of trees, promoted conservation education and pursued his love of nature and the arts as an essayist, artist and advocate.
Ora E. Anderson Scholarship Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

- Must be a graduating high school senior or possess a GED, and currently live and attend school within the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio.
- Plan to pursue post-secondary studies associated with the natural sciences, including but not limited to: forest and wildlife management; environmental restoration; natural and historical interpretation; ecotourism and related-disciplines associated with broadly protecting plants, animals and the environment.
- Candidates who demonstrate overall commitment to environmental protection and conservation will be considered; ethical character, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and financial need will also be evaluated.
- Academic performance will be considered, but the potential for success as evidenced by an individual’s commitment, interest and desire to achieve educational goals in the field of environmental sciences and/or conservation will be carefully considered.
- Recipients must show proof of acceptance at an accredited vocational school, college or university.

Amount of Award: Scholarship awards and amounts will vary annually, depending on availability of funds. Scholarship awards are made payable directly to the institution of enrollment on the student’s behalf, for the purposes and expenses associated with tuition, fees, textbooks, and required supplies and equipment.

The Lee Beckett Legacy Scholarship Fund annually provides scholarship opportunities for graduating Nelsonville-York seniors pursuing post-secondary studies, to ensure youth have the opportunity to continue their academic endeavors after high school. The scholarship fund is established to honor Mrs. Lee Beckett and her work to support countless students throughout her forty-three years of teaching. Beckett’s first teaching position was at the then York High School, and the encouragement and support she provided students enabled them to believe in their ability to succeed.

Throughout her teaching career, Mrs. Beckett went above and beyond to support the success of her students – whether assisting with scholarship applications or helping secure part-time jobs, her mentorship enabled students to realize their goals.

Lee Beckett Legacy Scholarship Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

- Applicants must be a graduating senior of Nelsonville-York High School.
- Plan to pursue a post-secondary education, either full or part-time, at an accredited vocational or technical training program, community college, college or university.
- Student applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.00 scale.
- A personal essay demonstrating balance in life activity and community engagement – academic, extracurricular, employment and volunteer service must be submitted.
- Scholarship recipients must agree to participate in ten hours of community service, five hours per semester (or 2.5 per quarter), during the academic year of the scholarship award. Interim reports detailing volunteer work and their post-secondary studies must be supplied to FAO (form to be provided to recipients by FAO).

Amount of Award: One $2,500 scholarship will be awarded in 2012, though awards and amounts will vary annually, depending on availability of funds. Scholarship awards are made payable directly to the institution of enrollment on the student’s behalf, for the purposes and expenses associated with tuition, fees, textbooks, and required supplies and equipment.
The Bellisio Foods Scholarship was established in honor of Bellisio Foods founder, Jeno Paulucci. Bellisio Foods is the maker of food brands including Michelina’s, FUSION Culinary, BUNdino’s, and Howlin’ Coyote. The Bellisio Foods fund awards scholarships to children and grandchildren of Bellisio Foods employees pursuing post-secondary education, including technical and trade school, community college, university, etc. Bellisio’s leadership and scholarship fund encourages economic success and access to educational opportunity.

**Bellisio Foods Scholarship Eligibility Requirements & Criteria**

- Recipients shall be chosen on the basis of: character as evidenced by personal conduct, values, and attitudes and behaviors towards others; community service as evidenced by leadership, service and activities; financial need; and academic performance and potential.
- Applicants must be dependent children of a current employee in good standing for at least one year, including biological children, legally adopted children, children placed with employees for adoption, stepchildren and any children for whom an employee is the legal guardian; grandchildren of employees, regardless of dependent status, also qualify. Employees may be at any U.S. location of Bellisio Foods.
- Candidates must be pursuing post-secondary education, either full or part-time, at an accredited vocational or technical training program, community college or four year college in the United States.
- Candidates must have at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.00 scale.
- Assistance is not intended for pursuit of advanced degrees (i.e. Master’s degree).
- Dependents and grandchildren of senior executives are excluded.

**Amount of Award:** Funding will vary based on need and awards are determined by number of applicants.

The Lester and Thelma Ellwood Scholarship was established to encourage and support access to educational opportunities, assisting worthy graduates of Guernsey County high schools in pursuit of post-secondary education. Lester and Thelma Ellwood strongly believed in the importance of education. When the Great Depression took hold of the Cambridge area, Lester needed to leave high school to help support his family, but always knew the value of education.

Thelma graduated from high school and became Lester’s partner in business as well as life. The couple operated Ellwood Orchards, Ellwood Tractor Supply, The Beverage House and Ellwood’s Food Market. When Lester passed away in 1987, Thelma established a trust fund to provide money for college scholarships for Guernsey County high school students and after her death, the Lester and Thelma Ellwood Educational Scholarship was created.

**Lester and Thelma Ellwood Scholarship Eligibility Requirements & Criteria**

- Applicants must be a current or past graduate of Buckeye Trail High School, Cambridge High School, Meadowbrook High School or any other Guernsey County high school.
- Applicants must have obtained or will obtain a high school diploma and show proof of acceptance at a vocational school, college or university.
- Applicants must demonstrate a strong work ethic and good ethical character, as evidenced by personal conduct, values, and attitudes and behaviors toward others.
- Applicants’ community service will be assessed as evidenced by leadership, service, activities & references.
- Financial need will be considered and candidates must have at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.00 scale.
- Assistance is not intended for pursuit of advanced degrees (i.e. Master’s degree)

**Amount of Award:** Scholarship awards and amounts will vary annually, depending on availability of funds. Previous scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for continued support, along with those already attending an institution and/or those returning to school later in life.
The Ariana R. Ulloa Memorial Scholarship was established by family, friends and students in 2003 to honor the memory and life’s work of Ariana R. Ulloa, so she may continue to live in the hearts of all she would have touched with her love. Ariana was born in Mexico and moved to Athens in 1986. She began working for the Hocking College Department of International Programs in 1990, eventually moving into the position of Director. She was known for her kind and encouraging nature, and is affectionately remembered by many students as Mamá Ariana. Although she passed away in December 2002, Ariana’s legacy lives on through this scholarship.

Ariana R. Ulloa Memorial Scholarship Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

- The scholarships are offered to international students pursuing any field of study, as well as students pursuing a degree in international studies.
- Those applying must already be accepted or enrolled full time in an accredited vocational school or 4-year college or university program; proof of enrollment is required.
- Preference will be given to those who demonstrate financial need, show academic achievement, are involved with extracurricular activities and possess educational as well as personal life goals.
- Students must be residing or studying in the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio.

Amount of Award: One or more scholarships will be awarded annually, depending on availability of funds. Scholarship awards are made payable directly to the institution of enrollment on the student’s behalf, for the purposes and expenses associated with tuition, fees, textbooks, and required supplies and equipment.

The Wayne F. White and Bob Evans Legacy Scholarship was established by family and friends of the two, including Bob’s wife, Jewel Evans (she and her husband founded the original Wayne White Scholarship) to honor the legacy and commitment these two friends had to the Appalachian Ohio region. The late Wayne White was Director of the Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education (OACHE) and a founding board member of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. The late Bob Evans, a nationally-recognized restaurateur and philanthropist, served on the Board of Regents and was instrumental in founding OACHE.

Both passionate about education and champions of the Appalachian Ohio region, White and Evans were committed to ensure finances were not a barrier to the ability of the region’s youth to access post-secondary opportunities. White and Evans touched and inspired many with their enthusiasm, energy and optimism. They worked to change the landscape of education in Appalachian Ohio, fighting for equal funding for rural schools and encouraging youth and adults to pursue higher education. Born and raised in Appalachian Ohio, White and Evans believed deeply in the academic ability and potential of the region’s students to succeed, no matter the place or the purpose. The scholarship serves to help all students realize they can pursue post-secondary education, regardless of financial situation.

Wayne White and Bob Evans Scholarship Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

- Those applying must be graduating high school seniors or possess a GED, and currently live and attend school within the 32 counties of Appalachian Ohio.
- Priority to those with financial need, and a demonstrated desire to succeed and overcome obstacles, as well as candidates who show outstanding character, academic excellence and extracurricular activities.

Amount of Award: Number and amount of awards vary annually, depending on availability of funds. This year, the AT&T Foundation has supported the Wayne White and Bob Evans Legacy Scholarship with funding for 16 students who will be selected based on need and their commitment to pursuing their post-secondary education.
CHECK ALL THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU QUALIFY AND ARE APPLYING:

☐ AK Steel  ☐ Anderson  ☐ Beckett  ☐ Bellisio  ☐ Ellwood
☐ Ulloa  ☐ White/Evans

Applicant Information

☐ Mr.  ☐ Ms.

NAME: First    Middle Initial    Last

Date of Birth: ___________________________  Expected Family Contribution, EFC: $________

* from the Student Aid Report (SAR) of your FAFSA

Current Address:

Street    City    State    Zip

Permanent Address:

Street    City    State    Zip

Phone: (__)_________   Cell: (__)_________    Email: __________________________

Family Information

Name of parent/guardian(s): __________________________

Permanent mailing address and telephone number of parent/guardian:

Street    City    State    Zip    Phone

Father’s Name: ___________________________    Occupation: ___________________________

Highest level of education attained by father: ___________________________

Mother's Name: ___________________________    Occupation: ___________________________

Highest level of education attained by mother: ___________________________

Brothers’ and Sisters’ Names and Ages:

1. ___________________________        4. ___________________________
2. ___________________________        5. ___________________________
3. ___________________________        6. ___________________________

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Name of current Bellisio Foods employee: ___________________________

Relationship of employee to applicant: ☐ parent   ☐ grandparent   ☐ other ___________________________
School Data

High School Attended: ___________________________ Graduation Date: (MM/YY) ________________
OR
High School Equivalent: ___________________________ County: ____________________________

Post-Secondary Institution(s) for which applicant’s scholarship is requested:

Option One:
Name: ____________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________
Street    City    State    Zip    Phone

Option Two:
Name: ____________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________
Street    City    State    Zip    Phone

Year at Post-Secondary Institution for Upcoming School Year: 1  2  3  4  5  or 6 (Graduate)

Major Field of Study You Plan to/are Pursuing: ____________________________

Anticipated Graduation Date: ____________________________

Estimated Cost
Tuition: $___________ Room & Board: $___________ Books/Materials: $___________
Based on: ☐ Quarterly ☐ Semester ☐ Annual

Please Circle
I will: Live on Campus    Live off Campus    Commute
I will be/am enrolled: Less than Half-Time    Half-Time or More    Full-Time
My status is: 2012 High School Graduate    Undergraduate    Graduate

Financial Aid

Please list all Awards and Amounts, including Grants, Scholarships and Student Loans already received for the upcoming academic year, indicating if awards are one-time or renewable:
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________

Please list any pending scholarships, grants and loans you are seeking for the upcoming academic year:
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
Personal Statements

Please attach your typed response to the following questions*

1. Describe how you best meet the eligibility and criteria for this scholarship(s).
2. List all volunteer, school, community, extracurricular, arts, musical and cultural activities you have participated in during the past four years, indicating length of participation and any special awards, honors.
3. Note your plans as they relate to your future educational & career objectives and goals.
4. Please share how this scholarship would help support your future goals.
5. Do you feel your education thus far has prepared you for work at the post-secondary level? If not, what do you think would have been helpful?

*If you are only applying for the Bellisio Scholarship, you only need to provide a statement in response to the first question.

Transcript Information

1. High school seniors and students who have completed less than one full semester of post-secondary education must include a high school transcript of classes and grades. Please have the appropriate school official complete and sign this section.
   - Applicant ranks __________ in a class of ______.
   - Cumulative grade point average: ________/ 4.0 scale □ weighted □ un-weighted

Please indicate student scores below:

- SAT | Verbal: ______ Math: ______ Writing: _____ Composite: __________

__________________________________________  ______________________________________
School Official’s Name, Title (Printed)          Date

__________________________________________
School Official’s Signature (must be signed to process)  Telephone

2. Students currently enrolled in college, community or vocational/technical school must include recent college or vocational/technical school transcripts of grades.

Certification: In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted. My completed application includes: original application, including all required signatures; current transcript of student grades signed by school official; two (2) Applicant Appraisals in sealed envelopes; and my Student Aid Report listing my EFC from the FAFSA.

Applicant’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: ______________

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 31, 2012 AND MAILED TO:
Foundation for Appalachian Ohio | PO Box 456 | Nelsonville, Ohio 45764
Please call 740.753.1111 if you have any questions!
Applicant Appraisal – Nomination #1
This form is to be completed by a high school or college counselor, advisor, clergy person, instructor, employer, job supervisor, etc.

Student: ________________________________

Instructions to the Nominator: you have been asked to provide information in support of the above student’s scholarship application (applications are due March 31, 2012). Please give immediate and serious attention to the following questions and provide your thoughts and comments. When complete, please return to applicant in a sealed envelope.

Please note: This nomination is not an indicator of student perfection, but rather an indicator of scholarly endeavor and passion for post-secondary pursuits.

1. What qualities does this student have that make him/her worthy of consideration for a scholarship award? Why do you recommend him/her for this scholarship award?

2. Please identify how long you have known the applicant, and the circumstances and experiences that are the basis for this nomination. Please also note any pertinent information you feel would be helpful to the selection process.

Appraiser’s Signature ___________________________ Date __________
Title ____________________________________________ Phone __________
Applicant Appraisal – Nomination #2
This form is to be completed by a high school or college counselor, advisor, clergy person, instructor, employer, job supervisor, etc.

Student: ____________________________

Instructions to the Nominator: you have been asked to provide information in support of the above student’s scholarship application (applications are due March 31, 2012). Please give immediate and serious attention to the following questions and provide your thoughts and comments. When complete, please return to applicant in a sealed envelope.

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_________________________________________  __________________________
Appraiser’s Signature          Date

_________________________________________  __________________________
Title          Phone