

2024 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

Deadline to Apply -- March 15, 2024

Directions: Scholarships offered through the Monroe County Community Foundation, an affiliate fund of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), are made possible by the generosity of donors who support the post-secondary efforts of the region's students. **Only complete applications will be considered.** This application, along with other scholarship opportunities (with separate application forms), are available on FAO's website at www.appalachianohio.org/scholarshipapplications. Scholarship awards will be for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Please answer all applicable questions. You are responsible for ensuring all supporting documents are submitted. **This application will only be valid for consideration when all the following information has been received by the Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO:**

- _____ 1. **Complete and sign the Application Form** (pages 2-4). Read scholarship opportunity on page 7 to determine if you are eligible for this application
- _____ 2. **Distribute Applicant Appraisals** (pages 5 & 6) – Two appraisal forms are attached to give to a school counselor, teacher/professor or other person who is in a position to recommend you according to the given criteria. Give the forms to appraisers as soon as possible and determine how they prefer to submit the forms. **You may attach them with your application, or the appraisers may email/mail them separately to the Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO (see below).**
- _____ 3. **Attach ONLY the SAI** (Student Aid Index) page of the Submission Summary to your application from your online FAFSA application (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, www.fafsa.gov)
- _____ 4. **Attach Transcript** – Students must submit a school transcript (official or unofficial).
- _____ 5. **Attach written responses to the Personal Statements.**
- _____ 7. **Add scholarships@ffao.org to your email safe senders list** to ensure you receive all communications and award notification emails from the Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO.

Process: The Monroe County Community Foundation annually appoints a Scholarship Advisory Committee to recommend awards. Final approval is made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees and decisions are final. Monroe County Community Foundation scholarship awards may vary from year to year in the number and amount of each award. Award recipients will be required to submit proof of enrollment. All awards are made payable directly to the institution of enrollment on the recipient's behalf for the purposes and expenses associated with tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required (by all in the class) for coursework.

Notification of Awards: The Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO will contact scholarship award recipients by May 31, using the email address provided on the application. **Please use a personal email address (vs. a high school email)** and be sure to check all email folders, including junk/spam folders, for correspondence from the Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO. Our website will have a complete list of recipients posted by July 31.

Please submit application and supplemental information through one of the following methods:

Option 1: Email to Monroe@ffao.org and write "Scholarship Application and STUDENT NAME" in subject line of the email. ****All application materials (listed above) should be scanned into one single-sided PDF attachment** (unless appraiser prefers to send separately). You do not need to mail originals. Emailed applications and appraisals must be received no later than 11:59PM on March 15, 2024.

Option 2: Mail to Monroe County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 456, Nelsonville, OH 45764. **Applications sent by mail must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2024. **PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES ON DOCUMENTS OR PRINT 2-SIDED PAGES****



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2024 MCCF GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

County of Residence: _____

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ SAI (Student Aid Index): \$ _____
[Attach FAFSA Submission Summary page ONLY]

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Personal Email*: _____ Phone: _____
(*FAO will use this email address to communicate with you) (Best number to contact you)

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

- ☐ MCCF Communication (website, social media, etc.) ☐ Referral (school faculty or staff, community or family member, past scholarship applicant, etc.)
☐ Newspaper or radio ☐ Other: _____
☐ I previously applied for an MCCF Scholarship

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Permanent mailing address and phone number of parent/guardian: (if different from your address)

Street City State Zip Phone

Parent/Guardian #2 Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Permanent mailing address and phone number of parent/guardian: (if different from your address)

Street City State Zip Phone

Names and ages of siblings and any other school-aged dependents in the home:

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

SCHOOL DATA

High School Attended: _____ Graduation Date: (MM/YY) _____

or High School Equivalent Date: _____ High School County: _____

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

Option One:

Name _____

Address _____
City State

Option Two:

Name _____

Address _____
City State

For 2024-25 school year, indicate post-secondary grade level: 1 2 3 4 5 or Graduate School

Major/Field of Study you plan to pursue: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Estimated Annual Cost: Tuition: \$_____ Room/Board: \$_____ Books/Materials: \$_____

Housing/Enrollment/Status:

I will: ☐ Live on Campus ☐ Live off Campus ☐ Commute

I will be/am enrolled: ☐ Less than half-time ☐ Half-time or more ☐ Full-time

Following post-secondary studies, how likely are you to return to the community you are from? Why or why not?

FINANCIAL AID

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

Please list any pending scholarships, grants, and loans sought for the upcoming academic year:

PERSONAL STATEMENTS *(must be attached)*

Please attach a detailed typed response to the following questions. Be sure to address how you meet the criteria for the specific scholarship(s) to which you are applying.

1. Please describe yourself, including personal aspirations and anything else you would like us to know about you, including how you envision your life in 5- or 10-years, how your relationship to Appalachian Ohio may change, and more.
2. Please describe what receiving a scholarship would mean to you and any personal or family challenges that have affected your academic achievement or extracurricular activities, including work and volunteer experiences.
3. Please describe your community service, extracurricular activities, work, volunteer experience, and any other community engagement, along with any leadership roles, special awards or honors you received.

TRANSCRIPT/TEST INFORMATION

High school students and students with less than one full semester of post-secondary education must submit a high school transcript (official or unofficial) and fill in the following information:

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA): _____ / 4.0 scale
- Class rank _____ in a class of _____

Test Scores: Many post-secondary schools do not require ACT or SAT scores for admission or scholarship consideration. Submitting your test scores is optional.

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Students who have completed more than one semester of post-secondary school (college, community college, or vocational/technical school) must submit a recent, *unofficial* or *official* transcript.

Current GPA: _____

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.*

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

This form is to be completed by a high school or college counselor, advisor, clergy person, instructor, employer, job supervisor, etc.



Instructions to the Appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of the above student's scholarship application. The form must be submitted to FAO by **March 15, 2024**. **Please give immediate and serious attention to the following questions and provide your thoughts and comments on the student's specific and unique qualifications.** Please return to the applicant in advance of the due date, or if you prefer, scan and email it to monroe@ffao.org by the due date (**include "STUDENT NAME and APPRAISAL #1" in the email subject line**). Please note: This appraisal is not an indicator of student perfection, but rather an indicator of scholarly endeavor and passion for post-secondary pursuits. Your thoughtful insights can greatly influence a student's application.

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- Phone**

Applicant Appraisal #2

This form is to be completed by a high school or college counselor, advisor, clergy person, instructor, employer, job supervisor, etc.



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Student Name: _____

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3. What qualities does this student have that make them a good candidate for a scholarship award? Why would you recommend them for this scholarship award?

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

Appraiser's Signature

Date

Title

Phone

MCCF 2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The **John and Lois Baker Scholarship** was established by established this scholarship fund to support a graduating senior or graduate of Monroe Central High School or a student that has received certification from Swiss Hills Career Center.

Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

- Candidates must be graduating seniors or graduates of Monroe Central High School, or have received a certification from Swiss Hills Career Center.
- Candidates must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.
- Candidates must plan to pursue full-time, post-secondary education at an accredited college or university.
- Preference may be given to candidates entering forestry or agriculture-related academic fields.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE DESCRIPTION PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION