



## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

### Deadline to Apply – February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**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](http://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 the scholarship opportunities 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.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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](http://www.fafsa.gov))
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **Attach Transcript** – Students must submit their most recent school transcript (official or unofficial).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Attach written responses to the Personal Statements.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. **Add [Scholarships@ffao.org](mailto: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 April 30, 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](mailto: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 February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Option 2:** Mail to Monroe County Community Foundation, 35 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764.

**Applications sent by mail must be postmarked no later than February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**\*\*PLEASE DO NOT USE STAPLES ON DOCUMENTS OR PRINT 2-SIDED PAGES\*\***



# 2025 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.)
- Newspaper or radio
- I previously applied for an MCCF Scholarship
- Referral (school faculty or staff, community or family member, past scholarship applicant, etc.)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY INFORMATION

### Parent/Guardian #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State / Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation

### Parent/Guardian #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State / Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation

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

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHOOL DATA

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
 or High School Equivalent Date: \_\_\_\_\_

HS Graduation Date: (MM/YY) \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Option One:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> currently enrolled	<b>Option Two:</b>
Name _____	Name _____
Location _____ City State	Location _____ City State

**For 2025-26 school year, indicate year of post-secondary study: 1 2 3 4 5 or Graduate School**

**Major/Field of Study you plan to pursue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anticipated post-secondary 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?**

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**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:**

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

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**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.





## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Appraiser Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. 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](mailto:Monroe@ffao.org) by the due date (*include "STUDENT NAME and APPRAISAL #2" 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.

1. **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?**

2. **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 2025-26 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The **Gregory S. Baker Legacy Scholarship** was established 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

- Must be graduating, have a GED, or be a past graduate of Monroe Central High School or Swiss Hills Career Center.
- Must be attend an accredited post-secondary institution providing trade/vocational training and certification, associate, or bachelor's degree.
- Must be pursuing education/training/certification in firefighting/EMT/EMS (given first priority), or a degree or certificate within the medical field.

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The **John and Lois Baker Scholarship** was established 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.

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The **Hoops for the Heart VFD Scholarship** was established to provide support for educational scholarships to students who are accepted into and attend accredited programs providing training and certification in various trades and fields of vocational interest, associate degree programs, and four-year institutions of higher learning.

### Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

- Be graduating from a Switzerland of Ohio Local School District high school (Monroe Central, River, or Beallsville) in Monroe County, Ohio.
- Have a connection or tie to the Firefighter/EMT or First Responder community (e.g., father, mother, grandparent, uncle, etc.).
- Attend an accredited 2 or 4-year college or training program to become a Firefighter, EMT, or First Responder.
- Have financial need.

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The **Monroe County Faith-Based Scholarship** was established to provide support for educational scholarships to students who are pursuing post-secondary studies at an accredited college or university, uplifting educational goals of the next generation of faith professionals.

### Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

- Graduating seniors or graduates of high schools in Monroe County, Ohio;
- Attending a faith-based, accredited college, university, or Bible college in Ohio
- Priority given to students pursuing a major or minor degree or certification in Christian ministry, mission, or theology fields; and
- Additional consideration to academic achievement with GPA of 3.0 and above. financial need, extracurricular activities and charitable work.

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**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE DESCRIPTION PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION**