



DEFIANCE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Through the Defiance Area Chamber Foundation
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Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation - Scholarship Fund

This fund was established by Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Inc. who realized the importance of higher education. This non-renewable scholarship will be awarded annually to be used for post-secondary education by providing a scholarship to Eligible Persons who will attend a qualified educational institution. Qualified educational institutions included all accredited institutions. The amount will be determined annually based on the fund balance and investment return. There could be up to two \$1,000 scholarship awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year. The scholarship will be payable directly to the college or university of the student's choice.

Eligible applicants:

Eligible applicants include all chamber members in good standing, member's employees, employee's spouse, and employee's dependents who are accepted at an accredited university or college pursuing a degree, certification, or license.

Application Information:

Applications should be mailed to the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce office **no later than March 23th, 2018**. The student will make application on the designated forms (attached). 325 Clinton Street, Defiance, OH 43512

Criteria for evaluation:

The criteria used for evaluation are: interview, essay, work experience, extracurricular activities, community service, academic accomplishments, and letters of reference.

Community Service

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the last four years (e.g. community, church, volunteer, tutor, etc.).

Activity	No. of years	Special Awards/Honors/Offices held

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PART III – ESSAY

State how this scholarship will make it possible for you to further your education, and why you decided to further your education. Include pertinent information regarding your background, ambitions, goals, and field of study. Attach this typed, double-spaced, one to two-page essay to your application.

PART IV – APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Check the items you have included and provide an **explanation** for any items that will be mailed at a later date.

- Applications Completed
- Essay attached
- Include three letters of Reference (We will not accept letters from family members)
Examples of reference (Employer, Pastor/Minister, Teacher, non-school related)

(Optional) – Explain any circumstances or factors, which you feel warrant special attention to include unusual personal, family or financial circumstances or challenges. Attach this information, typed and double-spaced, to your application.

I, _____, hereby consent, approve, and authorize the Defiance Area Foundation and/or any of its Applicable Committees, for the sole purpose of my being considered, to contact, verify and obtain any and all academic records. Further, I consent and approve the use of a copy of this application for the purpose of obtaining such information in lieu of an original and that same may be faxed, mailed, or e-mailed for purposes herein stated. Said consent and/or authorization is granted for the entire year in which the application or grant of scholarship applies.

By affixing my signature to this application, I verify that all statements above are true.

Signature _____ Date _____