

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY: This scholarship is open to any graduating senior this year from a public, private, or home school and is planning to attend a **PUBLIC** West Virginia college and/or university and needs financial assistance to complete his or her studies. The scholarship is only open to persons not currently attending a college and/or university.

INFORMATION REQUIRED AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION: To be considered as a candidate, you must include the following items along with your completed application. Failure to follow the directions may result in disqualification.

- This application form; **completely filled out**, with the required signatures.
- A copy of your transcript (s) from the school (s) you have attended.
- One letter of recommendation from a high school academic advisor and/or teacher this is a requirement.
- Additional information required by Section V and Section VI.

FORMAT: If possible use a word processor or typewriter to answer the questions on this form. Otherwise, print your answers in **black** ink. For attachments, use plain **white** paper 8 ½" x 11" paper with 1-1 ½" margins at the top and left. Use a one (1) inch margins at the bottom and right. Write in **black ink** or type on one side of the paper only.

USE OF INFORMATION: The information submitted in this application is **confidential**. Academic, financial and all other information will be used by the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival Scholarship Committee only and will not be released to any other individual and/or organization. Personal information about the scholarship winners may be used in local publicity and press releases. Winners will be asked and requested to submit a recent photo for publicity.

REQUIREMENTS OF A SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: All winners of this scholarship **must** be able to attend the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival in the fall to receive a check for the scholarship and special recognition. The winner **must show proof of enrollment** in a **public** West Virginia State college and/or university to the scholarship chairperson.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND TERM OF PAYMENT: The amount of the scholarship will be \$2,000.00. The amount paid to the winner(s) can be used at the winner(s) discretion. The scholarship money will be paid at the Pumpkin Festival in the fall following the scholarship award. Winner(s) need to be present to receive the money.

THE FOLLOWING ARE GUIDELINES FOR THE WEST VIRGINIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY:

- ☒ All senior students in the State of West Virginia with at least a **2.5 GPA**
- ☒ All senior students meeting the above with a **financial need**
- ☒ All senior students meeting the above and have completed required community service as required by your county.
- ☒ Applicant must be entering a **PUBLIC** West Virginia university and/or college

APPLICATIONS ARE SENT TO EVERY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

SELECTION:

- ☒ As the applications are received by the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival, they are read by the scholarship chairperson to make sure the student has met the eligibility requirements.
 - ☒ Copies are made of those eligible and then all identifying marks, such as names and hometowns, are blacked out.
- ☒ Applications are given a number to be used in section process.
- ☒ After the dateline date the scholarship committee will read all applications and rate them. In case of a tie they will meet and discuss the applications, the chairpersons, due to the fact that they have the names of the applications, will be in attendance but will not give any input until the three applicants have been selected.
- ☒ At this time the scholarship committee is given the names and locations of the three that they have selected.

NOTIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

- ☒ A member of the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival will contact the selected student's guidance counselor and make arrangements to attend the senior awards assembly to present the scholarship winner certificate.
- ☒ In the fall the selected students will be required to present to the scholarship chairperson proof of enrollment at a **PUBLIC** West Virginia college and/or university and attend the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival awards ceremony to receive a check the amount of **\$2,000.00**.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Social Security Number: **MUST BE SUPPLIED IF SELECTED**
Date of Birth: _____
Home Street Address and Mailing : _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Email Address: _____
Home Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____
Name of Parent (s) or Guardian: _____

II. HIGH SCHOOL (S) ATTENDED

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____
Street Address: _____
Grade-point average: _____ Rank in Class: _____ of _____
SAT Scores: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____ ACT Scores: _____
Date tested: _____ Date tested: _____
Principal's Name: _____
Counselor's Name: _____ Phone No: _____
Name of Any Other High School Attended: _____
City/State: _____
Last Year Attended: _____
Reason for Leaving: _____
Principal's Name: _____ Phone No: _____
Academic Honors Received: _____

III. COLLEGE INFORMATION

First Preference: **(MUST BE AN IN STATE SCHOOL)**
Name of Public College/University: _____
City/State: _____ Degree Desired: _____
Second Preference: **(MUST BE AN IN STATE SCHOOL)**
Name of Public College/University: _____
City/State: _____ Degree Desired: _____

IV. WORK EXPERIENCE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS

Name of Employer	Employment Dates		Description of Work (After School, Summer)
	From	To	
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

V. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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On a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions below. Limit your answers of all four questions to a total of two pages. Title each page "Section V, Academic Information" and attach the pages behind this application page of the form.

- A. Why do you want to pursue a college or post-secondary education?
- B. In what field or course of study do you plan to major?
- C. Why have you chosen this field of study?
- D. How do you believe this major will help you in your future career?

VI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

On one separate sheet of paper, answer the questions below. Title this page "Section VI, Financial Information" and attach it behind this page of the form.

- A. How do you plan to finance your education?
Be specific as you can about costs, personal and family resources, and your anticipated need for financial assistance.
List any other scholarships you have received and any educational loans or grants applied for or received.
- B. Are there any special circumstances that will affect your costs or need for financial assistance? (Examples are siblings attending post-secondary schools at the same time or disabilities requiring special equipment or services.). If so, explain.

I prepared this application myself and certify that the information in it is accurate. The West Virginia Pumpkin Festival Scholarship Committee has my permission to contact schools, relatives, or employers named in this application or any other sources that may be deemed necessary for consideration of a scholarship award to me.

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Mail the **COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH ENOUGH POTAGE BY MARCH 1st** to the following address:

West Virginia Pumpkin Festival
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 358
Milton, WV 25541