

2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR LAPORTE COUNTY RESIDENTS

Who's Eligible?

Each scholarship has its own unique eligibility requirements. Scholarships are funded through the generosity of caring individuals, families and businesses. Those people determine the requirements of the scholarships they fund. Remember to read the eligibility requirements carefully before you check each box on the next page. In many cases, eligibility requirements will be verified.

How Will Recipients Be Chosen?

A committee comprised of volunteers from throughout the county, including some of the scholarship donors, reviews the applications and recommends recipients. The Unity Foundation Board of Directors approves the recommendations. All Committee and Board of Directors members sign confidentiality and conflict of interest agreements, and all information from the applications is held in the strictest of confidence.

How much are the Scholarships Worth?

Just as each scholarship has its own unique eligibility requirements, the awards also vary. Awards range from \$250 to \$2,500, with the majority around \$1,000. In many cases, the Scholarship Committee makes the final determination on the award amount; in other cases, the agreement governing the scholarship determines the award amount. Some scholarship funds make one award each, while others make multiple awards. All awards amounts are, of course, also based on available funds, which vary year by year.

What is the Scholarship Notification Timeline?

- Applications are due Wednesday, April 5, 2010.
- Results are announced at our annual Scholarship Reception held in mid June.
- Checks are mailed to recipients' schools in early August.

What is the Application Process?

- 1) Complete the application packet and check the corresponding box when completed. The student application packet includes:
 - Appropriate cover page(s) – must be completed by hand
 - Scholarship application form – must be completed electronically
 - Three essays
 - Official transcripts through 7th semester (1st semester Senior year) of high school
 - Official copy of ACT/SAT scores
 - Results page from FAFSA Student Report showing Expected Family Contribution (do not send the entire FAFSA application – just the results page)
- 2) Hand-sign the cover page and application. Do NOT electronically sign the form.
- 3) Mail or hand-deliver all required materials to the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County, 619 Franklin Street, PO Box 527, Michigan City, IN 46361, no later than 5 pm on April 5, 2010. Applications may be postmarked no later than April 5, 2010. The office is open M-F from 9 am to 5 pm for hand-delivery.
Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Note: Before submitting your application, it is wise to have it proofread by parents, teachers, friends, etc. The more eyes, the better! Spelling and grammar **WILL** make a difference in the selection process. Do not rely on computer spell-check programs.

Have Questions and/or Need Assistance?

Contact: Camie Edson, Program Assistant Phone: (219) 879-0327 Email: cedson@uflc.net

Please read the eligibility requirements carefully and then check the scholarship(s) to which you are applying. Please include this and other applicable cover pages with your application.

_____ **Agricultural Scholarship**

Awards up to \$500 to LaPorte County residents who seek undergraduate, graduate or doctorate degrees in agricultural sciences or related fields, demonstrate financial need, and are “most likely to go into their chosen field and serve their community best”.

_____ **Ernest and Mildred Delco Scholarship**

Awards up to \$1,000 to students who are legal residents of LaPorte County and who have completed at least one year of an undergraduate program.

_____ **Carley Dickard Memorial Scholarship**

Awards up to \$1,000 to La Porte County or Porter County female student/athletes who maintain a GPA of “B” or better. Students should possess the character of Carley Dickard by “giving their all” and doing their best in life. Proof of financial need is NOT required.

_____ **Dr. King S. Jones Memorial Scholarship**

Awards up to \$1,000 to legal residents of LaPorte County and/or residents of the Michigan City Area Schools Corporation limits who are striving to obtain an undergraduate, graduate or doctorate degree in a medically allied field. Applicants must demonstrate financial need.

_____ **Michigan City Radiologists Scholarship**

Awards up to \$1,000 to La Porte County residents or those who have graduated from a LaPorte County high school with a diploma or general equivalent degree. Applicants must have applied to accredited or recognized programs in radiology, nursing or medical or other specialty training and have demonstrated financial need. Applicants must also have the potential to make positive contributions to the medical field as has been demonstrated by the professionals of Michigan City Radiologists, Inc., such as Drs. Windham Bremer and C. Robert Plank.

_____ **Pioneer Scholarship**

Awards up to \$1,000 to: La Porte County residents or those who have graduated from a LaPorte County high school or a high school that serves La Porte County; and, are the first generation of their family to attend college or are a member of a minority group. Applicants must: demonstrate a “pioneering” attitude; be willing to reach out to achieve their dreams; show they will make the most of the scholarship opportunity and/or “give back” to others whether within the LaPorte County community or anywhere in the world; and, demonstrate financial need.

_____ **Unity Foundation County-Wide Scholarship**

Awards up to \$1,000 to graduates of a LaPorte County high school or a high school that serves La Porte County, are striving to further their education, and demonstrate financial need.

CERTIFICATION

Please read and sign the certification below prior to submitting your application:

Certification: I hereby affirm that the information provided on and through this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I was the person who completed this application. I also understand that falsification of information contained in this application may result in termination of any scholarship award. I have fulfilled all of the eligibility requirements for application and I am aware that scholarships from the Unity Foundation of LaPorte County may only be used at an accredited, tax-exempt educational institution.

Applicant's Signature

Date