WILSON AREA PARTNERS IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Scholarship Program

General Information 2019
Establishment of the Scholarship Program

The Wilson Area Partners in Education scholarship program was established to further the education focus of the Foundation and its efforts to build character, responsibility, and respect in our students’ journey to becoming well-rounded learners and productive citizens. This program applies only to Wilson Area High School graduates and is not open to the general public.

Program Description

This program provides scholarships annually to Wilson Area High School graduates. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded each academic school year. The scholarship program is awarded based on applicant involvement in community service, school and leadership activities, and academic achievement. The scholarship is a one-time award in the amount of $1000.00. The funds are payable to an accredited post-secondary institution, skill/training center or trade school. The funds are provided to assist students with tuition, required registration or other fees by the fall of the application year.

Eligibility

All Wilson Area High School seniors are eligible to apply. The student must be planning to enter an accredited post-secondary institution or trade school upon graduation from high school. The applicant must have successfully completed 7 credits while attending Wilson Area High School with a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Application Process

Eligible students must complete the scholarship application and submit the requested documentation certifying community service, school involvement and an essay describing the applicant’s involvement in volunteerism, his/her accomplishments, and the importance of volunteerism. The applicant must also submit a copy of the most current high school cumulative grade transcript. The Foundation will begin accepting applications on January 2nd of each year. The submission deadline for filing an application is March 11th of each year. Applications should be sent to:

Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation Scholarship Program
C/O Wilson Area School District
2040 Washington Boulevard
Easton, PA 18042

While applications are available on the school district’s web site and high school guidance office, the hard-copy application must be submitted with original signatures of the student applicant. Electronic submissions will not be accepted. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied. Therefore, applications not including all requested information by the due date are ineligible for consideration. All information received is considered confidential. Each applicant will be notified to acknowledge receipt of their application.
Selection Process

The recipients will be selected on the basis of performance in three key areas. Each of the three areas is assigned a point value. Each applicant may receive from 0 up to the total points allotted in each category:

1. **Community Service and School Involvement Letters** – (50 points) The applicant is asked to provide 2 to 3 one-page letters of documentation from non-family members describing the applicant’s volunteer involvement and accomplishments. At least one of the letters should describe community service and at least one should describe school activities, and the applicant’s impact on the project.

2. **Academic and Leadership Activities in School** – (25 points) The applicant is required to indicate cumulative GPA along with a copy of the most current high school grade transcript and describe leadership roles while in high school.

3. **Written Essay** – (25 points) Essay describing in 1,000 words or less what has been the most rewarding community service activity the applicant has participated in and why it was important to the applicant. The essay should include 5 basic points:
   - The applicant’s role in the project.
   - Time spent on the project – hours, days, etc.
   - Is the project a one-time or an ongoing effort?
   - Impact of project on applicant.
   - Why student feels his/her involvement in the project qualifies them to apply for this scholarship.

Each of the three performance areas will be assigned a point value by individual judges, then summarized for a final result. Candidate with highest total score will be awarded scholarship. Each applicant will be notified whether or not they will be awarded a scholarship. Individual feedback about the judges’ evaluation will not be provided. The decision of the Foundation is final.

Judges

A panel of judges who are appointed by the Foundation’s Board select recipients.

Recipient Notification and Presentation

Scholarship recipients will be announced by mid-April to allow time for announcing winners during High School Graduation Ceremony. The Foundation will send a letter of notification to the scholarship recipient along with a copy to the High School Principal so that the individual can be included in the graduation program.
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who can apply for this scholarship?
A. All Wilson Area High School seniors that meet requirements are eligible to apply.

Q. How are scholarships awarded?
A. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded per year, based on established criteria as defined by the scholarship application.

Q. Are scholarship awards based on financial need?
A. No. Scholarship awards are based on the three key areas defined in the selection process.

Q. Will the number of scholarships awarded change?
A. As with any program, changes may occur over time as circumstances, funding, administration and other key factors critical to the scholarship program change.

Q. How are the scholarships funded?
A. The scholarships funding will be sought through support of employees, private individuals and corporate contributors.

Q. How might I appeal scholarship allocations?
A. The scholarship awards are based on criteria established by the Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation Board and decisions are final. Information submitted by the applicant and any information utilized in selecting recipients is confidential and is the property of the Foundation not subject to disclosure.

Q. Are family members of Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation eligible to participate?
A. Yes. Foundation Board family members are eligible to participate.

Q. Can multiple family members submit an application during the same period?
A. Yes. Multiple family member applications can be submitted as long as each applicant is a Wilson Area High School senior and meets all other established program criteria for submitting an application.

Q. Can parts of the application be submitted at different times as long as all information is in by the deadline?
A. No. All information to be considered as part of the application MUST be submitted together. Information received with the application will be considered the entire submission and will be evaluated solely on that information.

Q. Can part of the information be submitted by FAX and part submitted through the mail?
A. No. All information to be considered MUST BE SUMITTED together with the application as one package postmarked by March 11th. Faxes and electronic submissions will not be accepted.

Q. Will scholarships be payable to the applicant if career plans change and the applicant does not enter an accredited institution as defined in the program?
A. No. Scholarships will not be payable to individuals. The scholarships are designed to assist scholarship recipients with expenses associated with school tuition, required registration and other fees and will be paid directly to the institution indicated by the scholarship winner.
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Application 2019
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name: ____________________________
First Name: ____________________________
Middle Initial: __________

Mailing Address: ________________________________
E-mail Address: ________________________________
Telephone Number: ________________________________

City: ____________________________
State: ____________________________
Postal Code: __________

POST GRADUATION DATA

Institution Name: ___________________________________________________________________________

Scheduled Date Of Enrollment: _____/_____/_____
City: ____________________________
State: _____
Postal Code: __________

Type: 2 yr. Community College _____4 yr. College/University _____ Trade School _____Other _____

Major/Occupational Study (if known): ___________________________________________________________________________

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please attach a list of the volunteer activities and school activities in which you have participated. Using the format given below, indicate the name of the activity or organization, your role, when you were involved, and the average number of hours per month you participated. Also include the name and contact number for the person (non-family member) who can verify your participation and role in the listed activities. Below are examples of the type of information to be provided. Please do not include information about any paid work positions.

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Role</th>
<th>From month/year</th>
<th>to month/year</th>
<th>Avg. # hours per month</th>
<th>Contact name</th>
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<td>8/2000</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>(123) 222-2345</td>
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<td>(123) 246-8888</td>
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<td>Group Leader</td>
<td>5/2001</td>
<td>8/2002</td>
<td>15 during summers</td>
<td>Kaye Smith</td>
<td>(123) 357-1122</td>
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<td>Initiator, Server</td>
<td>9/1998</td>
<td>6/1999</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Mr. Jones</td>
<td>(123) 246-0001</td>
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<tr>
<td>Basketball</td>
<td>Co-captain</td>
<td>9/1999</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>12 during season</td>
<td>Mr. Dixon</td>
<td>(555) 555-3456</td>
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<tr>
<td>Drama Club</td>
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<td>10/2001</td>
<td>3/2002</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Ms. Kelly</td>
<td>(555) 555-7890</td>
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LETTERS OF VERIFICATION
Please have a minimum of two (2), a maximum of three (3), non-family members attach no more than a one-page explanation of your role in one of the activities or projects listed above. The write up should identify your personal impact and contribution to the project or activity, the amount of time you spent involved in the project and why you should be considered for this scholarship. The write up should be signed and dated by the individual submitting the information, and should include their title and contact data.

ESSAY
Please attach your essay of 1,000 words or less describing the volunteer project that has been the most rewarding community service activity you have participated in and why it was so important to you. Include in the essay the following items:

Describe your role in the project.

Time you spent on the project – hours, days, etc.

Is project a one time or on-going project?

Impact of the project on your personal life.

Explain why you feel your involvement in the project enabled you to apply for this scholarship.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL’S CERTIFICATION
Applicant must include a complete high school transcript of grades through the junior year and any official grades received during the current senior term. Please have this section completed by the appropriate school official.
A minimum of a 3.0 GPA is required at the time of application.

Cumulative grade point average ____________.
School Official’s Signature: _________________________________ Date: _____/_____/_____

APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION
In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am a Wilson High School Student. I also understand, falsification of any information will result in disqualification of this application. I also understand and agree that this application becomes the property of Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation. I understand that this application will be assessed based on information provided and submission of this application does not guarantee that I will receive a scholarship and that the decision of Foundation is final. I further agree that in the event I am a scholarship recipient, this form also serves as a release to use my name, photographs, biographical information and excerpts from my application and related material in press releases and other publications announcing and promoting this scholarship program.
Applicant’s Signature: _________________________________ Date: _____/_____/_____

Confirmation of receipt of an application will be sent to the applicant’s email or home address within 14 days of receipt. If you do not receive confirmation, you may call 484-373-6000.
Applicants will be notified whether or not they will be granted a scholarship. Decisions of Wilson Area Partners in Education Foundation are final.

**Please indicate your notification preference: US Mail______ Email_____**

**APPLICANT CHECKLIST**
Be sure you have included all requested information. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.
1) Completed application including signature of applicant.
2) One-page list of community service and school activities.
3) At least two but no more than three one-page letters of verification of your activities and involvement.
4) Personal essay.
5) High school transcript.

*Remember to submit the application no later than March 11, 2019!*

MAIL APPLICATION & ATTACHMENTS TO:

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