



Nicholas County Community Foundation

Scholarship Application

Cover Sheet

Student Name _____

Date _____

Application Instructions

The Nicholas County Community Foundation (NCCF) administers several different scholarship funds for the benefit of Nicholas County residents pursuing education in a post-secondary setting. Each scholarship fund has its own selection criteria to evaluate and determine scholarship awards. The Community Foundation uses the same application for all of its scholarship funds. **Candidates may complete one application for each scholarship they are applying for. However, they should complete a separate essay for each scholarship.**

The application deadline is Friday, April 5, 2019. All applications must be taken to the school guidance counselor in a sealed envelope, with signature over the seal, by the end of the school day on April 5, 2019. No applications will be accepted after that date.

Application Checklist (please put a check mark before each item, as you compile your application). Your application packet should be assembled in this order.

I have included one copy of the following

- ___ **Application Cover Sheet** (page 1) – Carefully read this page to ensure your application is complete and accurate.
- ___ **Application Form** (pages 2-5) Remember sure to sign the certification statement in Section I.
- ___ **Grade Certification Form** (page 6) - Have appropriate school official complete form and return it with other application materials.
- ___ **Personal Statement Form** (page 7)

- ___ **Essay for each scholarship (if required)**

- ___ **Letter of Recommendation** (page 8) - Ask evaluator (parents and family members are NOT eligible) to complete form and return to you in a sealed envelope with evaluator's signature across seal. Include the recommendation with all other application materials.
- ___ **Official Copy** of High School and/or post-secondary school transcripts

- ___ **Copy of the page of your parents'** (or your, if you are an independent student) **tax return that shows adjusted gross income;**
- ___ **Student Aid Report**, showing your **EFC, from FAFSA;**

Nicholas County Community Foundation General Scholarship Application

Section I — 2019 Scholarship Criteria

Below, check the Scholarship Fund or Funds for which you are applying. Please refer to the criteria associated with each Fund. **You may complete this form once, even if you are applying for multiple scholarships. However, you should complete a separate essay for each scholarship.** All essays should be no more than 500 words, each essay should be typed.

_____ **Seelinger Family Foundation Fund Entrepreneurial Scholarship**- this scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from both **Richwood High School and Nicholas County High School** who demonstrates an entrepreneurial spirit through his or her enterprising ideas for raising money for education, family and/or charities. This scholarship for up to four years (contingent on eligibility).
Essay: How will your entrepreneurship experience, work experience or volunteer experience benefit you in your education and future career?

_____ **Paul Nettles Scholarship** - This scholarship will be awarded to a student from **Richwood High School**, who has participated in at least one school sponsored sport for at least three consecutive seasons. Eligible programs include full time, two or four-year degree programs. This scholarship will become payable after successfully completing one semester in the post secondary program with at least a 2.5 GPA. This scholarship is one year.
Essay: “What life lessons have you learned through your participation in sports and how will it influence your life going forward?”

_____ **James and Elizabeth Skidmore Scholarship** - This scholarship will be awarded to a student from **Richwood High School**. Eligible programs include full time, two or four-year degree programs. This scholarship will become payable after successfully completing one semester in the post secondary program with at least a 2.5 GPA. This scholarship is for one year. **No essay requirement.**

_____ **Chris Yagel Memorial Scholarship** - This scholarship will be awarded to a student from **Nicholas County High School** who participated in band or soccer for at least one year. Eligible programs include full time, two or four-year degree programs. This scholarship is for one year. **No essay requirement.**

_____ **HC White Family Fund** - This scholarship will be awarded to a student from **Nicholas County High School**. Eligible programs include full time, two or four-year degree programs. This scholarship is for one year.
Essay: Should highlight the student’s educational goals and career plans as well as why receiving a scholarship is important.

_____ **Ivy & Stone Scholarship for the Arts** – This scholarship will be awarded to up to two (2) student residing in Nicholas County entering a WV post-secondary school. Applicants must have a cumulative high school (or equivalent) GPA of NO less than 2.5

with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for any Fine or Performing Arts classes taken during their high school career. Eligible programs include full time, two or four-year degree programs with a major in an Arts or Arts Education Program. This scholarship award is for one year and renewable up to eight (8) semesters; provided eligibility criteria are maintained.

Essay: One page typed expressing the intent to further their education in the arts and showing *clear* evidence of the quality and quantity of their artistic endeavors. This essay should also clearly communicate the student’s passion for the arts and highlight a strong work ethic and financial need.

Fitzwater/Lunter Memorial Scholarship –This scholarship is available to students who are graduates of Nicholas County High School in Nicholas County, WV or its successor with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, who are not eligible for the Promise Scholarship. The scholarship is applicable to tuition in a full time, post-secondary education. Eligible programs include two or four-year degree programs or trade or certificate programs. Criteria include the student’s desire and capacity to learn and work the chosen field as well as the student’s range of school and community activities. This scholarship will become payable during the second semester, or equivalent, of the selected students, for one year. **No essay requirement.**

Lavy Family Scholarship – This scholarship will be awarded to two students from Richwood High School (one male and one female) with a 2.0 GPA or greater with a strong desire to complete a post-secondary education. Eligible programs include full-time two or four-year degree programs and full-time diploma or certificate programs. This scholarship is for one year. **Essay: Should highlight educational and career goals, as well as how financial assistance is vital in receiving a post-secondary education.**

Walter “Lee” Hornsby Memorial Scholarship – This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior or nontraditional student residing in Nicholas County. Eligibility includes majoring in a full time 4-year Engineering Program in West Virginia and a cumulative high school GPA of no less than 2.5 with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 for any Engineering classes in high school. **Essay: Should express intent to further their education in engineering, communicating student’s passion for engineering and highlighting strong work ethic and financial need.**

Section II — Personal Information

Name _____

Your Permanent Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Other) _____

Email Address _____

Social Security Number (last four digits only) ____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Their Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Other) _____

What class will you enter in the Fall? __ Freshman __ Sophomore __ Junior __ Senior __ Other

Briefly describe your financial resources for college and your personal and family strategy for paying for college: _____

Explain any unique circumstances in your family: _____

Section III — Academic Information

Name of high school: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Name of academic counselor: _____

What do you plan to major in? _____

Briefly describe your current career interests and your field of study: _____

Name of the high schools, preparatory schools, and colleges and universities you have attended or are attending and the dates of enrollment. List most recent first.

School	Enrollment Dates	Field of Study	GPA
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If diploma attained via GED, indicate city/state/date attained: _____

For new college students, list the schools to which you have applied:

School Name	Acceptance (yes/no)
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Copies of letters from these schools acknowledging receipt of your application or offering you enrollment should be included in this completed application.

Which school are you most likely to attend? _____

What are the total estimated costs per year of this program? Total cost _____

Tuition/enrollment _____ Room and board _____

Books & Mandatory Equipment _____ Other Fee's (explain) _____

Are you Promise Scholarship Eligible _____ Yes _____ No

What do you plan to major in? _____

List the dates (month/year) you expect to begin and complete your undergraduate education:

Enter: _____ Graduate: _____

List the name of your reference. Your sealed letter must accompany this application.

Name: _____ Relationship _____

Section IV — CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby acknowledges the information provided on this application, including all attachments is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Furthermore, all the information may be provided and disclosed to Nicholas County Community Foundation, to the officers, directors of the Foundation, and to any other person authorized by the Foundation to review the information. Verification may be obtained from any source. Falsification of information will result in the termination of any scholarship granted.

We hereby release from liability any person submitting information to the Foundation for use in the selection of scholarship recipients.

If awarded a scholarship, I agree to allow the Nicholas County Community Foundation to use my name and photograph in news releases, newsletter articles and other publicity concerning the Foundation and its grant awards.

Student Applicant Signature

Date

Section V — Extra Curricular, Community Activities and Work Experience

Please list the school and community, activities in which you have been involved during the last four years. **Limit responses to the space provided.** Circle the year(s) of your involvement. F = freshman, S = sophomore, etc. Please only list activities that took place during high school.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (list positions held)	YEAR(S)
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES (list positions held)	YEAR(S)
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.

AWARD/HONOR – list reason for award/honor (if necessary)	Year Awarded

WORK EXPERIENCE – list nature of work, position, dates of employment & hours/week.

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Grade Certification Form

Application Deadline: 4/5/2019

This section is to be completed by an advisor/counselor. GPA information must use a scale of 4.0. Only transcripts with the fall semester information will be accepted and those must be included with the application. Please return this form to the student who will include the Grade Certification Form with their complete application.

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____

1) At the close of the most recent semester, the applicant's cumulative GPA was _____ on a scale of 4.0.

2) SAT Scores (If available):

Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Combine: _____

3) ACT Scores (If available)

English: _____ Math: _____

Reading: _____ Science Reasoning: _____

Composite: _____

Person completing this form: _____ Title: _____
(Please Print)

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT INCLUDING MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED SEMESTER MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

Personal Statement Form

Application Deadline: 4/5/2019

Which scholarship is this personal statement for? _____

Students applying for more than one scholarship are strongly encouraged to submit a separate essay for each of the scholarships you are applying for.

If the scholarship you are applying for requests a specific essay topic, or has specific criteria you should use this personal statement space to address the topic and/or demonstrate why you are a good match for the scholarship. If there are no defined criteria you may use this personal statement space to let us know something about you that we might not learn from the rest of the application. *We ask that your essay be typed and you limit your response to one page, unless otherwise noted.*



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Letter of Recommendation

Application Deadline: 4/5/2019

Student's Name _____

*To Evaluator: The above-named applicant is applying for a scholarship with the Nicholas County Community Foundation. An evaluation from someone other than a parent or family member is needed as part of the application process. The student has authorized you to release any information you feel would be helpful in reviewing his/her application. Your cooperation in providing this information is important to the selection of award recipients. **To insure confidentiality, please return this form and your comments to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. On a separate sheet of paper please also make a statement describing the applicant's character, school and community leadership abilities, potential to succeed, and evidence of the student's strengths and weaknesses.** The more in depth your personal perception of the student is may increase the students' scholarship opportunities. Not to exceed one page in length.*

Evaluator's Name: _____ Telephone Number (____) _____ - _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____ How long have you known applicant? _____

Please rate the applicant in the following categories (circle your response):

Scholastic achievement	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Leadership qualities	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Character	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Work habits	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Ability to set realistic goals	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Responsibility	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Commitment to education	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
Service to community	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown

An evaluation received with a broken seal will be rejected. Please be sure to seal and sign the envelope and return to applicant in order that it may be included along with the application packet.