



# 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, a separate essay for each scholarship must be submitted.**

**The application deadline is Saturday, April 1, 2023.** 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 1, 2023. 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 — 2023 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 is currently valued at \$1000/year 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?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Richwood High School

\_\_\_\_\_ Nicholas Co. High School

\_\_\_\_\_ **Paul Nettles Memorial Scholarship** –This scholarship is open to graduates of Richwood High School, in Nicholas County, West Virginia, or its successor. Applicants must have participated in **three consecutive seasons** of the same school sponsored and SSAC sanctioned sport, excluding cheerleading and competitive dance. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent GPA. Applicant will pursue full-time, post-secondary education in a major that will prepare the student for a career in the **health care or STEM related field**. Eligible programs include two- or four-year degrees and /or certification programs in a health care or STEM related discipline. Students applying for this scholarship should focus their essay on the topic: **“What life lessons have you learned through your participation in sports and how will it influence your life going forward?”** Other criteria which may be considered include the students’ desire and capacity to learn and work in the chosen field as well as the student’s range of school and community activities; however, the Paul Nettles Memorial Scholarship is primarily an athletic scholarship for dedicated high school athletes. Financial need and the amount of financial aid and scholarships offered to the applicant may be taken into consideration This scholarship will become payable in the spring semester, after proof of registration and fall semester grades are provided to the NCCF. If funds are available, previous recipients of the Paul Nettles Memorial Scholarship who are in graduate studies are invited to apply for a second award.

\_\_\_\_\_ **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 is a one-time scholarship. **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 is a spring semester, one-time payment scholarship. **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 is a one payment scholarship. Recipient must show evidence of spring registration and successful fall semester grades for payment.

**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) students 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 is a one-time scholarship award 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 after evidence of at least a 2.5GPA in first semester. The award is for one year. **Essay:** Should highlight the student's educational goals and career plans as well as why receiving a scholarship is important.

\_\_\_ **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 is a one-time scholarship payment. **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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Explain any unique circumstances in your family: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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.

<u>School</u>	<u>Enrollment Dates</u>	<u>Field of Study</u>	<u>GPA</u>
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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:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Acceptance (yes/no)</u>
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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.

<b>SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (list positions held)</b>	<b>YEAR(S)</b>
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
_____	F S Jr Sr.
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<b>COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES (list positions held)</b>	<b>YEAR(S)</b>
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<b>AWARD/HONOR – list reason for award/honor (if necessary)</b>	<b>Year Awarded</b>
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<b>WORK EXPERIENCE – list nature of work, position, dates of employment &amp; hours/week.</b>
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## Grade Certification Form

Application Deadline: 4/1/2023

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: 4/1/2023

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 you type your essay, and you limit your response to one page, unless otherwise noted.*



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## Letter of Recommendation

Application Deadline: 4/1/2023

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 ensure 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 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):

<b>Scholastic achievement</b>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
<b>Leadership qualities</b>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
<b>Character</b>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
<b>Work ethic</b>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
<b>Ability to set realistic goals</b>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
<b>Responsibility</b>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
<b>Commitment to education</b>	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unknown
<b>Service to community</b>	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.*