

ALLEGAN COUNTY CHAPTER of the
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL
~SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM~

Guidelines for the Scholarship Program:

1. Eligibility: Any graduate of an Allegan County Public High School (Allegan, Fennville, Hopkins, Martin, Otsego, Plainwell, and Wayland) who intends to pursue full time post-high school education or training in a state-accredited college or trade school in a field related to education. Students must have a GPA of at least 2.5.
2. Value of the Scholarship: two for at least \$750 each, to be awarded annually. This scholarship will be awarded to the student for his first semester/term of college or trade school work. Disbursement shall be made directly to the institution in the amount of the award. Applications will be available in the counselor's office, and accepted after January 31 and before spring break. Scholarships to be used from July 1st to June 30th of the following year.
- * 3. Completed applications should be returned to the counselor's office. The counselor will forward completed applications to the Allegan County Chapter Treasurer in the envelope provided by April 13th.
4. Our chapter will establish and maintain the scholarship fund as follows:
 - a) In October our chapter will provide at least \$1500 for the scholarship fund.
 - b) Chapter members, or other persons or groups may make donations to this fund.
 - c) Other fund-raising may be undertaken.
5. Our chapter will establish a Scholarship Committee (3 to 5 members) to manage this Scholarship program for our chapter and to select the winner of the Scholarship.
6. The winning student may be a graduate of any of the schools named in item #1.
7. We will ask the school of the winning student to present the award at their Senior Awards program, or other appropriate time. If allowed by the school, a member of our Scholarship committee may present the scholarship to the winner at the awards program.
8. We ask that the winning student and parents (if possible) be our guest at our June or July meeting so that we may meet them and wish them well in their future studies. Recognition will be given in a press release to local papers.

If there are any questions, please call Lynda Manthey at (269) 561-2480.

THE ALLEGAN COUNTY CHAPTER
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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Birthdate: _____ Email: _____

College or Trade School desired: _____

Have you been accepted? ___ Pending? ___ Enrollment beginning? ___

Educational Goals (Major or Course of Study): _____

Work history, if any: _____

- 1) List all volunteer participation and/or active memberships in school, church, and community organizations, with detailed emphasis noting your volunteer work, honors or awards, and extracurricular activities.
- 2) Write an essay in 400 words or less. Identify three things you have learned about yourself from your volunteer experiences. Explain how you learned them and how these traits relate to your educational plans and your career goals. Also explain your need for financial assistance.
- 3) Provide an official copy of your high school transcript.
- 4) Provide two letters: One, a letter of recommendation from one teacher and/or guidance counselor that includes a character reference. The second letter must be from a volunteer supervisor who comments on your character and participation in your *volunteer experiences(s)*

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please return to your counselor's office before spring break.