

HOPE Foundation of Darke County High School Scholarship Application

In 2011, the HOPE Foundation awarded approximately \$75,000 to 51 graduates of Darke County high schools. Every effort is made to award at least one scholarship to each school district.

Instructions:

To be eligible for a HOPE Foundation scholarship, please submit this application by **March 31** of the student's senior year of high school. One application allows you to be considered for all categories of HOPE high school scholarships. Please be advised that honesty is very important to the scholarship committee. They in turn will offer you confidentiality throughout this process. Some scholarships, but not all, are evaluated under need-based considerations.

The HOPE Foundation uses a reimbursement method of awarding scholarships. Potential recipients will be announced at the high school graduation or awards program. Scholarship money will be disbursed following the student's first semester (or quarter) in college, providing the student earns at least a 2.75 grade point average in that semester. The HOPE Foundation will request the student's first semester (or quarter) college transcript and will issue a check upon receipt of satisfactory transcript.

If you have any questions, please contact the HOPE Foundation president, Christy Prakel, at (937) 548-4673 or hopefoundation@woh.rr.com.

This application must be postmarked by **March 31** and sent to:

**HOPE Foundation of Darke County
P.O. Box 438
Greenville, OH 45331**

Checklist:

- Application
- List of school and community activities
- Essay
- 7-semester transcript
- 2012 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) report stating your Estimated Family Contribution.
- Photo
- Use paper clip to attach papers. Do not use staples or binder.

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Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail for correspondence through Dec. 2012 _____

Name of high school _____

Parents' names _____

1. List what schools you are actively considering and if you have been accepted.

2. Annual cost (tuition/fees/room & board) for school you plan to attend: _____

3. List any scholarships or grants you have been awarded thus far, or university aid you expect to receive from your intended college.

4. How much money do you have saved for college? _____

5. How do you expect to pay for your remaining expenses? (Loans, parental contribution, other aid.)

6. In the space below, please indicate your family's adjusted gross income from last year's federal income tax return. This information will remain confidential.

_____ Under \$15,000	_____ \$60,000 - \$85,000
_____ \$15,000 - \$30,000	_____ \$85,000 - \$100,000
_____ \$30,000 - \$45,000	_____ \$100,000 - \$150,000
_____ \$45,000 - \$60,000	_____ Over \$150,000

Number of dependent children in family _____ Number of children in college next year _____

7. Please attach a 2012 FAFSA report (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that states your EFC number (estimated family contribution).
8. List any special circumstances that you want the committee to be aware of that affects the household's financial situation. (Disability, medical expenses, child support obligations, loss of job, etc.)

9. List what course of study you plan to pursue, if known. _____

10. List any employment history during high school.

Employer	Type of work	Dates of employment	Hours per week
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11. Attach a list of school and community activities that you participated in throughout high school, including leadership positions, honors and awards. *Include your name at top of each sheet.* Some scholarships are designated for the following activities. Please include if applicable:

- If you are a past or present member of **4-H** during high school, identify your club, years of participation, leadership positions, projects completed, honors and awards.
- If you are a past or present member of **FFA**, identify years of participation, leadership positions, honors and awards.
- If you are a past or present member of **choir or marching band**, identify years of participation, leadership positions, honors and awards.
- If you have attended a **vocational school**, identify school, leadership positions, honors, awards.

12. High school grade point average _____ Class rank _____ ACT Score _____

13. Please furnish a personal photo with this application.

14. In a typed essay (max. one page), describe why you deserve a HOPE Foundation Scholarship. *Include your name at the top.* Direct comments toward your motivation, need (financial or otherwise), leadership and academic accomplishments. You may describe a special talent, discuss creative or challenging activities you have initiated, or describe obstacles you have overcome to achieve your goals.

15. Include a 7-semester transcript of grades and test scores. This may include any college credit you have earned. Transcript may be sent directly from the guidance counselor; however, it is the student's responsibility to make sure transcript has been provided to the HOPE Foundation by March 31.