

Welsh Family Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Application Packet

Application Deadline:

Apply online by midnight April 6, 2024

The **Welsh Family Memorial Scholarship** was established in 2016 to offer financial assistance to graduates from Springfield Local High School. The graduates are expected to demonstrate academic achievement, a strong work ethic, personal integrity and contribution to their community.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a current senior of Springfield Local High School *[including any Springfield Seniors attending MCCTC.]*
- Applicants must be accepted to or enrolled in an approved institution which is a licensed, certified, or regionally accredited non-profit post-secondary institution or training/certification program *[This includes anyone planning to attend a trade school or other form of certification, as well as those applying to college.]*
- Applicants must demonstrate academic aptitude, achievement, and work performance with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher *[This applies to anyone who has achieved this and is not limited to Top 10, college track or NHS Students.]*
- Applicants must include a list and description of at least 10 hours of community service completed during the applicant's high school career (see attached).
- There is no need-based criteria.
- Funds ONLY apply to tuition and will only be credited directly to the licensed, certified, or regionally accredited non-profit post-secondary institution or training/certification program that is providing the continuing education.
- Early applications are highly encouraged.

Amount and Duration of Award

The recipient of the scholarship will receive a single award of \$1,000.00 to their approved institution. Funds for this scholarship are held by the Welsh Family Memorial Scholarship Trust. The scholarship is currently designed for annual awards of \$1,000.00, however, based on the above, this amount may vary. All scholarships are subject to availability of funds, to be determined at the absolute discretion of the selection committee.

Scholarship Selection

The Welsh Family Memorial Scholarship Committee currently consists of three (3) active members. The committee reviews each application and selects the recipient(s) without regard to an applicant's race, religion, gender, age, disability, or national origin. Scholarships are awarded based upon academic merit, work ethic, commitment to lifelong learning, personal integrity, career goals, and commitment to the community through volunteering.

Scholarship Recipient Notifications

Awards will be presented at the school's annual awards banquet ceremony by either a member of the Welsh Family or a School Administrator.

Scholarship Payment and Accountability

All scholarship awards will be paid directly to the approved institution. Payments will be made for tuition only upon submission of a statement from the institution that reflects a balance greater than the scholarship amount. Proof of completion of education for the term of tuition paid by the scholarship may be requested. Scholarship funds may be redeemed by awardees up until one month prior to the following year's award presentation.

Application Process

Recipients are responsible for providing a completed application to the scholarship review committee prior to the application deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants that use forms other than those prescribed in this packet will not be considered. Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that their supporting documents are received by the selection committee prior to the application deadline. Any materials received after the application deadline will not be considered for a scholarship. The application becomes the property of the selection committee and will not be returned.

To apply for the scholarship apply online as specified.

Questions or concerns should be directed to
welsh.family.scholarship@gmail.com

Application Checklist

- A completed scholarship application form (refer to attachment).
- A current letter from an accredited institution that provides the following:
 - Confirmation of acceptance/registration to the institution
 - An estimate of tuition costs for the next school year
- An official transcript from the most recent school term completed
- A list describing at least 10 hours of completed community service during the applicant's high school career (more hours will receive stronger consideration).
- Construct a **300-500** word response that answers **at least two** of the following questions:
 - Why did you select this school or program?
 - What key factors or life experiences lead to this selection?
 - Why did you choose this route for post secondary education?
 - How do you hope to integrate your career goals/path with the community?
- Two letters of recommendation from non-relatives. Only one of which may be from a school employee. It is required that at least one if not both are from individual(s) within the local community. Letters of recommendation can be accepted by email to welsh.family.scholarship@gmail.com or uploaded through the application.

Applications must be submitted online application:

Online application: <http://tinyurl.com/wfms2024>

