In 2025, we are pleased to share that the Frank and Elaine Lesnet Miseta Scholastic Award Fund is being offered. The scholarship was created by the generosity of Frank Miseta and Elaine Lesnet Miseta. Frank was born in 1922. He was an Army Air Corp veteran of World War II. In 1950, he graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in law. Elaine Miseta was born in Edon, Ohio. She moved to Columbus for work, where she eventually began work for Bill Ingram at White Castle. Frank and Elaine lived in Upper Arlington, until Frank's passing in 2004, after 54 years of marriage. Elaine retired from White Castle Headquarters on her 88th birthday after 67 years of service! The couple loved to travel and traveled the world three times. As part of their legacy, they founded this scholarship to benefit graduating seniors from high schools in Williams County, Ohio. The scholarship award is $12,000 payable over four years. Below, please find important information to assist in this process.

Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates must be graduating seniors of a high school in Williams County, Ohio.
- Candidates must attend a post-secondary institution in the U.S.

Selection Criteria

- 50% Character
- 30% Desire
- 20% Academic Qualifications

Selection Committee

- Each school shall select its own recipient.

Application Requirements

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- The Foundation sends an award email to the recipient that explains the payment request process and includes the proof of enrollment form.
- Once proof of enrollment has been submitted and approved by the Foundation, a check will be sent to the recipient's educational institution.

Here's what you will need to prepare for your application:

Essay: one page that describes your major or course of study and what receiving a scholarship would mean to you. Resume: Include your community service, extracurricular activities, work, volunteer experience, and any other community engagement that you feel will help selection committees make their decision.

Email Address for Two Recommenders: Include one academic/faculty recommendation and one from a work or volunteer supervisor, coach, or other community-related contact who knows you well (family and friends are not acceptable). The system will send them an email.

Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA: finish your FAFSA form and when it's ready, create a .pdf of your SAR to be uploaded to the system.