

Ticket to Dream Scholarship®

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A Scholarship Opportunity Exclusively for Children of Single Parents

*** Not Merit Based * Residency Requirement ***

Scholarship Description

The Ticket to Dream Scholarship program offers up to
Three \$1,000 Top Awards + One 1st Runner-Up \$750 Gift
+ up to Six \$500 Reviewers' Choice Scholarships
annually to graduating seniors who attend high school in a specific
region of service limited to the following Ohio Counties:
Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble.

Scholarships are only awarded to students with plans to pursue
post-secondary education who reside in a single parent household.

The Ticket to Dream Scholarship program defines children in single-parent families
as any child who lives with a single parent: Specifically,
A Head of Household (Mom, Dad, Grandparent, Uncle or Aunt)
who is unmarried, widowed, or divorced and not remarried.
(According to the Pew Research Center, approximately 25 percent of children in the U.S.
live in a single-parent household.)

Students who apply **MUST** be graduating seniors and meet the
residency requirement. For more information or to apply, please visit and
review the collateral information available from guidance counselors
or school placement professionals. Application forms may be requested
online via TTD.Scholarship@graduate.org

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Just Give the Dreamers A Little Hope and a Little Help

McKenna Reindel / Ticket to Dream Top Award / 2023 : Thank you again for your continued investment in students like me. Your generosity and encouragement truly makes a difference.

Ava Longo / Ticket to Dream Best of the Best / 2024 : Thank you for all that you do. I can't explain how important this scholarship is to me and all the other kids of single parents.

Leroy Jenkins / Commander / VFW 9966 (New Carlisle) : Our members send sincere appreciation for your unwavering commitment and dedication to such a meaningful initiative.

Ed Marrinan / Past 'Greene Giving' Director : Your program gives kids hope. DON'T STOP!

Marshall Tyler / Ticket to Dream Best of the Best / 2025 : Thank you for investing in my education and future. I will strive to make the most of this generous support.

U.S. Senator Jon Husted - U.S. Congressman Michael Turner -
Ohio State Senator District 10, Stephen Huffman - Representative District 39, Phil Plummer -
Governor of Ohio Michael Dewine and Lt. Governor Jim Tressel :

Ticket to Dream Scholarship has received acknowledgments from these and many other officials recognizing efforts to help students from single family households achieve their dreams.

DREAM TEAM COLLEGIANS



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Applications will be scored based on the following criteria

Reviewers' Rubrics

In the case of the TTD Scholarship, the requisite qualifications are

1) child of a single parent 2) residence in the prescribed 6 county area of service.

Applicants having met these qualifications; and, providing a submission in good form will be ranked on an established point system by the Board of Review.

All judging will be upon the following criteria:

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### **I. Resume of Character**

Presented in outline format and listing:

- ^ volunteer activities and/or Church – group - club membership(s)
  - ^ extra-curriculars \* organized athletic participation
- ^ any employment experiences \* academic accomplishment(s)
  - ^ special award(s) / achievement(s)
- ^ attach photograph (JPEG format) - **optional**

### **II. Letters of Recommendation**

- ^ minimum 1 (one) from parent - **required**
- ^ maximum additional 2 (two) supporting letters from clergy, coach, employer, friend, teacher - **optional**

### **III. Essay**

^ Theme: What is your dream?

Foremost to this writing is communicating to the reviewers your dream

^ **ALTERNATE CONTENT TOPICS OF THOUGHT TO INCLUDE**

**THAT MIGHT GIVE YOUR ESSAY MORE DEPTH: USE ANY OR ALL AS YOU MIGHT CHOOSE.**

- \* Looking into your future, what do you see and how do you get there?
  - \* How might an investment in a college education support your dream?
- \* Speak to the unique demands you've experienced in the single parent setting?
  - \* Who supports your dream? - Anyone specifically?

**This essay is the highest point value piece of the application**

### **IV. Reviewer's Flex Points**

^ Reviewer's subjective, personal valuation based on package as submitted

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List of Scholarships Awarded Annually

Best of the Best / TOP Award

Maximum : Three \$1,000 awards

1st Runner-Up

Maximum : One \$750 award

Reviewers' Choice

Maximum : Six \$500 Awards

Every single recipient of a Ticket to Dream prize: \$500, \$750 or \$1,000,
can earn a like amount renewal at the conclusion of their freshman(1st) year
to apply to their sophomore(2nd) year by scoring a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better
(proof required; and, submitted by June 1 to TTD.Scholarship@graduate.org)