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JANET HURSEY KOEHLER WADE SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

2026-2027 Academic Year

Applications must be postmarked/emailed by Monday, March 2nd, 2026

Eligibility Criteria: The Janet Hursey Koehler Wade Scholarship Fund provides scholarship awards to **Sheridan High School** graduates. The purpose of the Fund shall be to provide support for educational scholarships for students who are accepted into and attend accredited two- or four-year public or private institutions of higher learning and/or Protestant Christian seminary and, in particular, to such students who meet the following qualifications:

- Those applying must be U.S. citizens and graduating seniors or graduates of Sheridan High School majoring in business/business technology education, vocational agriculture education, general education, or Protestant Christian seminary; and
- Candidates should also show outstanding character, academic excellence, and involvement with extra-curricular activities.

In the event that the above criteria are too restrictive (because no student acceptable to FAO meets the criteria, or for other reasons), the purpose of the Fund shall include the support of educational scholarships for deserving students whose major is secondary education or for students who most closely fit the criteria.

Directions:

1): **Complete and sign the attached application.**

2): **Applicant Appraisals/Nominations** – Two appraisal/nomination forms are attached. You are encouraged to select a school counselor or teacher/professor; if this is not applicable, you may select an employer, member of the clergy, job supervisor, or other person who is in a position to recommend you according to the given criteria. Detach and deliver the forms to your appraisers as soon as possible. **You are responsible for determining with the nominators how they prefer to submit the appraisals. You may collect and include them with your application, or nominators can email/mail them separately to the Foundation (see options below), if they prefer.**

3): **Transcript Information** – High school seniors and students who have completed less than one full semester of post-secondary education must include a high school transcript of classes and grades (official or unofficial).

4): **Complete a FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and **attach** the SAI (Student Aid Index) page of the *Submission Summary* with this application. Only the page(s) with SAI (Student Aid Index) should be attached. (www.fafsa.gov.)

5): **If any questions** are not applicable, please provide an explanatory note referring to the questions by section.

6): You are responsible for ensuring all supporting documents are submitted. **This application becomes valid only when the following have been received by the Foundation:**

____ Completed, signed application, including **Personal Statements**
____ Current, *Unofficial or Official* Transcript of grades
____ Two (2) Appraisals/Nominations
____ SAI page(s) from the FAFSA *Submission Summary*

Please submit application and supplemental information through either of the following methods:

Option 1: *Please scan application, transcript, SAI Page, and nominations (unless nominators prefer to send separately) into one, single-sided PDF attachment, if possible, and* ***email to Scholarships@ffao.org****. Please write "Koehler Wade Scholarship and the STUDENT'S NAME" in subject line of the email. You do not need to mail originals. Email applications and nominations* ***must be received by Monday, March 2nd, 2026.***

Option 2: Mail to FAO, 35 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764.
****Applications sent by mail must be postmarked no later than Monday, March 2nd, 2026.***

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2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Date of Birth: _____ **Gender** _____ **Student Aid Index (SAI):** _____

Current Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Permanent Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email: _____
**Please monitor this account so FAO can communicate with you.*
**Do NOT use your school email address.*

Phone: (_____) _____
(Best number to reach you and leave message)

FAMILY INFORMATION

Permanent mailing address, telephone number, and email address of parent/guardian(s):

Parent/Guardian #1

_____
Name

_____
Phone #

_____
Email

_____
Street Address

_____
City State / Zip

_____
Occupation Highest level of education attained

Parent/Guardian #2

_____
Name

_____
Phone #

_____
Email

_____
Street Address

_____
City State / Zip

_____
Occupation Highest level of education attained

Names and ages of siblings, and any school-aged dependents in the home:

1._____ 4._____

2._____ 5._____

3._____ 6._____

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

High School Attended: _____ **Graduation Date: (MM/YY)** _____

or

High School Equivalent: _____ **County:**_____

Post-Secondary Institution(s) for which applicant's scholarship is requested:

Option One: ☐ **Currently enrolled**	**Option Two:**
Name: _____	**Name:** _____
Location: _____ City State	**Location:** _____ City State

For 2026-27 school year, indicate post-secondary grade level/year: 1 2 3 4 5 (Graduate) (PhD)

Major/Field of Study: _____

Anticipated post-secondary graduation date: _____

Annual Estimated Cost: Tuition: $_____ Room/Board: $_____ Books/Materials: $_____

Housing/Enrollment Status:

I will: ☐ Live on Campus ☐ Live off Campus ☐ Commute

I will be/am enrolled: ☐ Half-time or More ☐ Full-time

FINANCIAL AID

Student Aid Index (SAI) _____ ***From FAFSA Submission Summary; attach the SAI page(s)*

Please list all awards and amounts, including Grants, Scholarships, and Student Loans already received for the upcoming academic year, indicating if awards are one-time or renewable:

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Please list any pending scholarships, grants and loans sought for the upcoming academic year:

_____ _____

_____ _____

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Please attach your typed response to the following questions. Be sure to also address how you meet the criteria.

1. Please share how this scholarship would help you and your family, describing any personal or family challenges that have affected you, your achievement in school, work experience, or participation in school and community activities.

2. Please indicate your plans related to your future educational and career objectives and goals.

3. List all volunteer, school, community, extracurricular, arts, musical, and cultural activities you have participated in during the past four years, indicating dates/school years of participation and any leadership roles, special awards and honors.

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

*All students must submit an unofficial or official transcript.

1. **High school seniors and students who have completed less than one full semester of postsecondary education** must include their high school transcript and fill in the following information:

   - Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____
   - Cumulative GPA: _____ /4.0 scale

Please indicate student scores below:

- **ACT** | STEM: _____ English Language Arts: _____ Composite Score: _____
- **SAT** | Reading/Writing: _____ Math: _____ Total Score: _____

2. **Students currently enrolled in college, community or vocational/technical school** must include recent, *unofficial or official* college or vocational/technical school transcript of grades.

   - Cumulative (unweighted) GPA: _____ /4.0 scale

Certification: *In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted.*

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:**_____

Before sending, make sure your application packet includes:

- *Completed, signed application including **Personal Statements***
- *Current, official or unofficial Transcript of grades*
- *Two (2) Appraisals/Nominations*
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ALL MATERIALS, including application, transcript, SAI pages, and both nominations
are due Monday, March 2nd, 2026

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APPLICANT APPRAISAL – NOMINATION #1

This form is to be completed by a high school or college counselor, advisor, clergy person, instructor, employer, job supervisor, etc.

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Student Name: _____ Appraiser Name: _____

Instructions to the Nominator: You have been asked to provide information in support of the above student's scholarship application. **The due date is Monday, March 2nd, 2026**. **Please give immediate and serious attention to the following questions and provide your thoughts and comments to the student's specific and unique qualifications**. When complete, please return to applicant in advance of the due date or email it to Scholarships@ffao.org by due date (***include "KOEHLER WADE SCHOLARSHIP APPRAISAL and STUDENT NAME" in the email subject line)***. This nomination is not an indicator of student perfection, but rather an indicator of scholarly endeavor and passion for post-secondary pursuits. Your thoughtful insights can greatly impact a student's application.

1. **What qualities does this student have that make them worthy of consideration for a scholarship award? Why do you recommend them for this scholarship award?**

2. **Please identify how long you have known the applicant, and the circumstances and experiences that are the basis for this nomination. Please also note any pertinent information you feel would be helpful to the selection process.**

_____ _____

Appraiser's Signature **Date**

_____ _____

Title **Phone**

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APPLICANT APPRAISAL – NOMINATION #2

This form is to be completed by a high school or college counselor, advisor, clergy person, instructor, employer, job supervisor, etc.

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Student Name: _____ Appraiser Name: _____

Instructions to the Nominator: You have been asked to provide information in support of the above student's scholarship application. **The due date is Monday, March 2nd, 2026**. **Please give immediate and serious attention to the following questions and provide your thoughts and comments to the student's specific and unique qualifications**. When complete, please return to applicant in advance of the due date or email it to Scholarships@ffao.org by due date (***include "KOEHLER WADE SCHOLARSHIP APPRAISAL and STUDENT NAME" in the email subject line)***. This nomination is not an indicator of student perfection, but rather an indicator of scholarly endeavor and passion for post-secondary pursuits. Your thoughtful insights can greatly impact a student's application.

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Appraiser's Signature **Date**

_____ _____

Title **Phone**