



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR The Vanessa Ford Scholarship Fund Community Foundation

Purpose

The purpose of this memorial scholarship fund is to provide a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduating senior in Lawrence or Beaver Counties who plans to pursue a degree from a college, community college, university, trade school or military academy in the field of criminal justice.

The Vanessa Ford Scholarship Committee will give consideration to the following criteria, which are listed in no particular order:

- Leadership/Service
- Financial Need
- Character/Integrity
- School activities
- Noteworthy achievements
- Awards and recognition
- Community and personal activities
- Grade point average of at least 3.0

Please include with your scholarship application the following:

- High school records indicating the courses and grades obtained to date, ACT/SAT scores and class rank.
- Provide a letter of acceptance for a post secondary educational facility.
- A personal reference from a teacher, coach or guidance counselor.
- If employed, provide a letter of reference from your employer that describes your present job, performance, attitude, attendance, etc.
- Attach in writing any community groups or activities with which you are involved.
- Please also include a 500 word essay “You have a voice”, addressing how domestic violence has affected your life...If given a chance to speak, what would you say to the abuser?”

The Selection Committee that will select the scholarship recipient shall be a committee approved by the Community Foundation. (No scholarships will be given to applicants who are direct relatives of the donors or, to trustees, officers or employees of the Community Foundation of Western PA and Eastern OH.)

Eligibility

Any graduating senior student from a Lawrence or Beaver County high school who plans to pursue a degree from a college, university, trade school or military academy.

Terms of Scholarship

The Committee will grant scholarships for one year only. The selection of students to receive scholarship grants shall be made by the Committee without regard to the race or religion or sex of the applicant or their political or economic views. The Committee shall place no restriction upon a candidate's choice of college, university, or military service.

A luncheon honoring the recipients will take place in mid-June. Should you be chosen as the recipient of this scholarship your attendance at this luncheon is strongly encouraged, as the donors who make the scholarship possible also will be invited.

Application

Each applicant will complete a "Request for Scholarship" application form available from the high school guidance office or online at www.sv-foundation.org.

Make and keep copies for your records of all forms that you send to us. **Please do not staple pages. You may use paper clips or binder clips if necessary.**

1. The application must be filed by **March 7** of the current year.
2. Return Scholarship Application to:
Community Foundation
The Vanessa Ford Scholarship
33 Chestnut Street
Sharon, PA 16146
3. Once the application is submitted it will be considered at a regular meeting of the Scholarship Committee.
4. The Committee will then notify the applicant that his/her scholarship request has been approved and to expect a grant from the scholarship to be forwarded to the college or university of the applicants choice.

Please do not submit the instruction pages with your application. You should remove and retain these instructions for your personal records.

The Community Foundation
The Vanessa Ford Scholarship Fund
REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ Social Security Number _____
(Required)

Birth Date _____ Gender: Male or Female Email: _____

High School _____ Date Graduated _____

Educational Plans:

List in order of personal preference those colleges, universities, tech school or military academy to which you will apply.

College/University/Tech School/Military Academy

1.

2.

3.

4.

Do you plan to commute or reside on campus? _____

Major or field(s) of interest: _____

Proposed profession: _____

Parents or Guardians:

Father (Guardian) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Employed by _____ How Long? _____

Mother (Guardian) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Employed by _____ How Long? _____

Marital Status of Parents: () Married () Separated () Divorced () Widowed () Single

Number of Siblings _____ Siblings in College _____

Other:

Are you receiving any other financial assistance for your education? _____

If yes, how? _____

Student Employment Record:

Employed at: _____

Date of Hire: _____ Department: _____

Position _____

Certification:

In signing this application, I certify that the information given is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

In connection with this application for a scholarship from the Vanessa Ford Scholarship Fund Program, I hereby authorize the administrator serving this program to request from any school attended by me: information, transcripts, financial aid records and any other records deemed necessary for the administration of this scholarship program, and I authorize any such school to submit any information, transcripts and other records that may be requested by the scholarship administrator.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____