



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR Shenango Valley Performing Arts Council Scholarship Shenango Valley Foundation

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide one \$500 scholarship annually to a student from a high school within the Shenango Valley: Farrell, Hickory, Kennedy Catholic, Sharon, Sharpsville, West Middlesex and Brookfield who plans to go on to college to major in the arts.

The Shenango Valley Performing Arts Council Scholarship Committee will primarily consider participation in the arts, content of the essay, and academic performance.

Please include with your scholarship application the following:

- Write an original essay addressing the topic: “How has your participation in the arts positively impacted your life?”
- Provide your high school records indicating the courses and grades obtained to date and class rank.
- Attach in writing any community groups or activities with which you are involved.
- *Optional:* Provide a personal reference letter from a teacher, coach, guidance counselor or instructor of your arts program.

The Selection Committee that will determine scholarship recipients 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 of a Shenango Valley high school: Farrell, Hickory, Kennedy Catholic, Sharon, Sharpsville, West Middlesex or Brookfield who plans to pursue higher education from an accredited college or university to study an arts-related program.

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 applicants or his or her political or economic views. The Committee shall place no restriction upon a candidate's choice of college or university.

The Committee shall require, prior to the disbursement of any scholarship, proof that the scholarship recipient is actually enrolled as a student at the educational institution for which the grant is made, and all scholarship grants shall be paid directly to the institution. This grant covers tuition, fees or books for the applicable semester/quarter.

The Community Foundation hosts a luncheon honoring the recipients and donors, which is typically scheduled for mid-June. Should you be chosen as the recipient of this scholarship, your attendance at this luncheon is strongly encouraged.

Application

Each applicant will complete the "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
Shenango Valley Performing Arts Council 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's selection for the scholarship will be announced at the senior awards ceremony. The applicant will receive a letter of instruction at that time outlining the next steps in the process.

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 Shenango Valley Performing Arts Council Scholarship
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 or universities to which you will apply.

College/University

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 _____

Family Income:

Parent(s) \$ _____ (List earned income provided from income tax return)

Scholarships \$ _____

Student Income \$ _____

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 *Shenango Valley Performing Arts Council Scholarship* 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: _____