

WINCHESTER ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

History:

In 1998 the Winchester Alumni Association formed a three person committee consisting of Howard Short, Chester Roush and Diane Lewis to establish a scholarship fund with the dual purpose of perpetuating the memory of Winchester High School and recognizing academic achievement. The Alumni Association then garnered in excess of \$50,000 through various donations and fund raising activities.

In March of 1998, the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District accepted these funds as an endowment/donation for scholarships and agreed to place these funds in an interest bearing account for safekeeping. The Association named the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District as fiduciary agent to ensure that these funds would not be used for any other purpose than to award scholarships and that these funds would be invested in accordance with the requirements set forth by Ohio law.

Scholarship Criteria:

The criteria and application process for the Winchester Alumni Scholarship is as follows:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior of North Adams High School (this excludes those who may delay their entry into an institution of higher learning and are seeking financial assistance). Should North Adams High School no longer exist then the applicant should be a graduate of the high school serving students from the Winchester Area.
- Applicant must be a descendent of a Winchester High School alumnus (definition of descendent: "Those persons who are in the blood line of the ancestor, persons who proceed from a body of another, such as a child, grandchild, etc.") (definition of alumnus: "A graduate or former student of a school, college or university"). This would include those children/grandchildren/etc. of those who have attended Winchester school, but would exclude those whose lineage never attended Winchester school.
- Applicant must provide a one page essay delineating their lineage and stating accomplishments and goals as application for the scholarship.
- Deadline for the application is *April 1st* of each year. If *April 1st* falls on a weekend, then the deadline will be on the Monday following.

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The North Adams High School Principal and/or his/her designee will review all applications received on or before the *April 1st* deadline and choose the qualifying student using the same criteria the school uses to determine the class valedictorian. The principal and/or his/her designee shall complete the necessary form and, upon verification of the student's enrollment in an institution of higher learning, will send the form to the district treasurer's office so a check can be written.

In the event of a tie in scholastic achievement, a committee, consisting of the high school principal, two teachers (appointed by the principal) and two alumni members (the President and Secretary of the Association and/or their designees) will determine the scholarship winner on the basis of the essay.