



Deer Creek – Mackinaw Education Foundation

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DEER CREEK – MACKINAW EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The Deer Creek – Mackinaw Education Foundation (DCMEF) announces the establishment of a scholarship to be awarded annually to two (2) college or university freshmen, one male and one female, who have graduated from Deer Creek – Mackinaw High School.

AWARD

The DCMEF will award two (2) \$1,000 scholarships, one each, to a male and a female candidate enrolled as a freshman in an accredited two year or four year college or university. The award will be made directly to the college or university by the fall semester of the chosen candidates' freshman year.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed DCMEF Scholarship Application Form, including the signed release allowing the Foundation Board of Directors to review your high school academic records.
2. Submission of an essay. The essay should provide insight to the Foundation Board of Directors into the candidates' character, strengths, and educational goals, as well as addressing the candidate's growth during their high school career. Further the essay should be typed; double spaced, and not exceed 1000 words in length.
3. Two letters of recommendation from either instructors, employers, or any other significant adult in your life, with the exception of family members.
4. Proof of enrollment at a college or university. This shall include a copy of the acceptance letter as well as a copy of your class schedule (if applicable at this time) or as soon as it becomes available.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications should be submitted to DCMEF in the year of candidate's graduation from Deer Creek – Mackinaw High School. All application materials must be turned into the high school office no later than March 1st.

CRITERIA

The successful candidates will be determined by meeting the following criteria:

- Academic Growth across the candidate's high school career as measured by Grade Point Average (GPA), PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT assessment scores, and class ranking;
- Application/Essay Submission; and,
- Attendance and Punctuality across the candidates' high school career (Note: medical conditions negatively impacting attendance will be taken under consideration).

APPLICATION SCORING RUBRIC

Criteria	Does Not Meet (0 pts)	Meets (1-2 pts)	Exceeds (3-4 pts)
Academic Performance (9th through 12th grade)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No or minimal academic growth from 9th to 12th grade as measured by GPA and PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT scores.• A decline in class rank from 9th to 12th grade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expected growth as measured by GPA and PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT scores.• No measureable growth in class rank from 9th to 12th grade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exceptional growth trending stronger from 9th grade to 12th grade as measured by GPA and PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT scores.• Measureable growth in class rank from 9th to 12th grade.
Application/Essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides limited, if any, insight into candidate's character, strengths and educational goals.• No mention of growth over high school career.• Application is poorly written and contains multiple errors in grammar and spelling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides some insight into candidate's character, strengths and educational goals• Growth mentioned, but not significant.• Application is typed and doubled spaced but contains limited grammatical and spelling errors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides insight into candidate's character, strengths and educational goals.• Significant growth detailed.• Application is typed and doubled spaced and is free of grammatical and spelling errors.
Attendance/Punctuality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An increase in absences from 9th to 12th grade.• An increase in tardies from 9th to 12th grade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No change in absences from 9th to 12th grade.• No change in tardies from 9th to 12th grade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A decrease in absences from 9th to 12th grade.• A decrease in tardies from 9th to 12th grade.

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APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number (with area code): _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone number (with area code): _____

College or University: _____

Financial Aid/Scholarship Office Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I am a graduate of Deer Creek – Mackinaw High School, Mackinaw, Illinois: Yes [☐] No [☐]

I hereby authorize the release of academic and attendance records from Deer Creek – Mackinaw High School, 401 East Fifth Street, Mackinaw, Illinois 61755 to the Deer Creek – Mackinaw Education Foundation Board of Directors.

- Grade Point Average (GPA);
- Scores from the PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT;
- Class Ranking data for 9th grade through 12th grade; and,
- Attendance data (including tardies) for 9th through 12th grade.

This release will be in full force and effect from the date signed for one calendar year.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

It is my understanding that if selected as a finalist in the award process, that I may be requested to appear for a personal interview prior to the final award being offered. (Candidates initials: _____)

Disclaimer: The final decision for the scholarship award will be made at the sole discretion of the Deer Creek - Mackinaw Education Foundation Board of Directors and will be based on a review of the application subject to the stated criteria. As such, an applicant has no guarantee of an award, in full or in part. (Candidates initials: _____)