

## PUMPKIN SCHOLARSHIP 2018

Dear School Counselor:

The West Virginia Pumpkin Festival is proud to offer four (4) scholarships for any graduating seniors. Three (3) scholarships for those entering **PUBLIC** West Virginia college and/or university and one (1) scholarship in career/technology training in a **PUBLIC** certified school in 2018. We are asking for your help in finding deserving students for these scholarships.

Please give a copy of this application to your senior students. Feel free to make as many copies as needed. Applications are also available at [www.wvpumpkinpark.com](http://www.wvpumpkinpark.com). All applications must have a **postmark by MARCH 15, 2018**. Failure to meet date will invalidate the application. If you or your students have any questions please call (304) 743.8774 or (304) 743.4067.

The West Virginia Pumpkin Festival is proud to be offering these scholarships for over twenty years. We are looking forward hearing from your students.

We appreciate your assistance.

West Virginia Pumpkin Festival  
Scholarship Committee

**These scholarships are open to any graduating senior in any public, private high school and/or home school student in West Virginia.** your name, address, and school name.

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**ELIGIBILITY:** This scholarship is open to any graduating senior in 2018 from a public, private, or home school who is planning to attend a STATE supported PUBLIC West Virginia college /university and/or State certified school and needs financial assistance to complete his or her studies. The scholarship is only open to persons not currently attending a college and/or university.

**INFORMATION REQUIRED AS PART OF THIS APPLICATION:** To be considered as a candidate, you must include the following items along with your completed application. Failure to follow the directions may result in disqualification.

- This application form; completely filled out, with the required signatures.
- A copy of your transcript (s) from the school (s) you have attended.
- One letter of recommendation from a high school academic advisor and/or teacher. This is a requirement.
- Additional information required is in Section V and Section VI.

**FORMAT:** If possible use a word processor or typewriter to answer the questions on this form. Otherwise, print your answers in black ink, do not use a pencil. For attachments, use plain white paper 8 ½" x 11" paper with 1-1 ½" margins at the top and left. Use a one (1) inch margins at the bottom and right. Write in black ink or type on one side of the paper only. Line notebook paper is not acceptable .

**USE OF INFORMATION:** The information submitted in this application is **confidential**. Academic, financial and all other information will be used by the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival Scholarship Committee only and will not be released to any other individual and/or organization. Personal information about the scholarship winners may be used in local publicity and press releases. Winners will be asked and requested to submit a recent photo for publicity.

**REQUIREMENTS OF A SCHOLARSHIP WINNER:** All winners of this scholarship must be able to attend the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival in the fall to receive a check for the scholarship and special recognition. The winner must show proof of enrollment in a public West Virginia State college/university or post secondary career/technology school to the scholarship chairperson.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP AND TERM OF PAYMENT:** The amount of the scholarship will be **\$2,000.00**. The amount paid to the winner(s) can be used at the winner(s) discretion. The scholarship money will be paid at the Pumpkin Festival in the fall following the scholarship award ceremony. Winner(s) need to be present to receive the scholarship funds.

## THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE FOR THE WEST VIRGINIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP

### ELIGIBILITY:

- All senior students in the State of West Virginia with at least a **2.5 GPA**
- All senior students meeting the above with a **financial need**
- All senior students meeting the above and have completed required community service as required by your county.
- Applicant must be entering a **PUBLIC** West Virginia college/university and/or certified school.

### APPLICATIONS ARE SENT TO EVERY PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA SELECTION:

- As the applications are received by the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival, they are read by the scholarship chairperson to make sure the student has met the eligibility requirements.
- Copies are made of those eligible and then all identifying marks, such as names and hometowns, are blacked out.
- Applications are given a number to be used in section process.
- After the dateline date the scholarship committee will read all applications and rate them. In case of a tie they will meet and discuss the applications, the chairpersons, due to the fact that they have the names of the applicants, will be in attendance but will not give any input until the four applicants have been selected.
- At this time, the scholarship committee is given the names and locations of the four that they have selected.

### NOTIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

- A member of the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival will contact the selected student's guidance counselor and make arrangements to attend the senior awards assembly to present the scholarship winner certificate.
- In the fall the selected students will be required to present to the scholarship chairperson proof of enrollment at a **PUBLIC** West Virginia college and/or university and attend the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival awards ceremony to receive a check the amount of **\$2,000.00**.

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_  
COLLEGE \_\_\_\_\_  
TECHNOLOGY \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE USE ONLY

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number: MUST BE SUPPLIED IF SELECTED  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing : \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Application for: College/Universtiy: \_\_\_\_\_ Or Career/Technology Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Name of Parent (s) or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. EDUCATIONAL – HIGH SCHOOL (S) ATTENDED**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade-point average: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
SAT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_ Date tested: \_\_\_\_\_  
(COPY OF TEST SCORES AND HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT ARE REQUIRED WITH APPLICATION)  
Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Any Other High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Year Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Honors Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION (POST SECONDARY PLANS)**

First Preference: (MUST BE A WEST VIRGINIA STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOL)  
Name of Public Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Desired \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Preference: (MUST BE A WEST VIRGINIA STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOL)  
Name of Public Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Desired: \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. WORK HISTORY FOR LAST THREE YEARS**

Name of Employer	Employment Dates		Description of Work (After School Summer)
	From	To	
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**V. ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

On a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions below. Limit your answers of all four questions to a total of two pages. Title each page “Section V, Academic Information” and attach the pages behind this application page of the form.

- A. Why do you want to pursue a college or post-secondary education?
- B. In what field or course of study do you plan to major?
- C. Why have you chosen this field of study?
- D. How do you believe this major will help you in your future career?

**VI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

On one separate sheet of paper, answer the questions below. Title this page “Section VI, Financial Information” and attach it behind this page of the form.

- A. How do you plan to finance your education?  
Be specific as you can about costs, personal and family resources, and your anticipated need for financial assistance. List any other scholarships you have received and any educational loans or grants applied for or received.
- B. Are there any special circumstances that will affect your costs or need for financial assistance? (Examples are siblings attending post-secondary schools at the same time or disabilities requiring special equipment or services.). If so, explain.

**Please note that a copy of school transcript and a copy of any and all test scores.**

I prepared this application myself and certify that the information in it is accurate. The West Virginia Pumpkin Festival Scholarship Committee has my permission to contact schools, relatives, or employers named in this application or any other sources that may be deemed necessary for consideration of a scholarship award to me.

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

I have reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH ENOUGH POTAGE BY MARCH 15th 2018 to following address:

West Virginia Pumpkin Festival  
Attention: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 358  
Milton WV 25541