

Custer County Educational Foundation Scholarship (CCEF) Student Application Procedures for 2017

Application materials are available at the CCDHS Counseling Center or Custer County Educational Foundation webpage: miles-cityscholarships.com

A. Invitation to Apply:

1. Any CCDHS graduating senior who meets the established criteria is invited to submit an application for a CCEF scholarship. Each scholarship will be a minimum of \$1,200. CCEF may increase the amount of the scholarship at their discretion.

B. CCEF Scholarship General Criteria:

1. The student must have a 2.0 or above Grade Point Average (GPA).
2. The student must have attended Custer County District High School for at least 4 semesters, with preference given to those who have attended 8 semesters.
3. The student must complete and submit all parts of the application. The application must be **postmarked no later than April 7, 2017 to: Custer County Educational Foundation, PO Box 1092, Miles City, MT 59301**. The application may also be completed online, and submitted no later than April 7, 2017. If the student submits the application online, transcripts, reference letters, and other documents must be uploaded and submitted at the same time.
4. The student must provide proof of enrollment into an approved institution of higher education (accredited university, college, community college, vocational, or trade school) as a full time student prior to disbursement of award. The determination of what constitutes full time status will be determined by the institution of higher education.

C. The application consists of four (4) separate parts, each of which is objectively scored.

1. Personal Application Form (A-1) - This provides data relative to scholarship (GPA, class rank, ACT and/or SAT score, transcripts and participation in annual Dollars for Scholarships phone-a-thon), the name of the institution you plan to attend and your planned major (if known). Please note any financial scholarships already received.
2. Activities Page (A-2) – (1) List a maximum of ten (10) school and community activities you have participated in while attending CCDHS. Indicate academic and athletic awards, offices held and honors earned/received. Select those activities that have been most significant in your life; (2) Separately state your work experience.
3. Applicant typewritten Essay – A one-page maximum typed essay in which you address one of the following topics:
 - a. The most influential person in my life;
 - b. An event which influenced my life; or
 - c. A current issue relevant to either Miles City or the State of Montana

4. Two (2) completed Personal Reference forms (A-3) from people of your choice (excluding all relatives). These are important as validation of your experience and achievements relative to the traits of character, leadership, and community involvement. Only one reference may be from a teacher or other paid school district personnel.

D. Applications will be screened and objectively judged by the CCEF Board of Directors. Scholarship recipients will be announced at high school graduation. The following criteria will be used to rate applications:

Maximum 30 Points Academics – based on courses taken, Grade Point Average, class rank, test results, and academic achievement.

Maximum 30 Points Based on involvement in school and community activities and special awards accorded to student.

Maximum 30 Points Based upon your typewritten essay, its content and presentation style.

Maximum 10 Points Based upon unusual circumstances or family hardship.

Maximum 20 Points Based on content of personal reference forms.

Total Maximum Points – 120 Points

Custer County Educational Foundation Scholarship Personal Application Form A-1

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Have you participated in the Dollars for Scholarships Phone-a-thon? Yes No

of Semesters Attended CCDHS: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

GPA: _____ Rank in Class: _____ ACT/SAT Score: _____

Attach a copy of your high school transcript

Institution of Higher Education You Plan to Attend:	
Intended Degree/Major/Area of Study:	
Other Scholarships Received:	

Unusual Circumstances or Family Hardship? Explain:

Custer County Educational Foundation Scholarship Activities Form A-2

List a maximum of ten (10) school and community activities you have participated in **while in high school**. Indicate academic and athletic awards, offices held and honors earned/received. Select those that have been most significant in your life. Separately state your work experience.

	Activity	Honors or Leadership Roles	High School Years of Participation
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

Work Experience: Indicate any work experience that has been significant to your life. (Paid or Volunteer)

	Employer and Job Duties	Length of time worked
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

Custer County Educational Foundation Scholarship Applicant Reference Form A-3

Directions: The information requested on this form will be used to evaluate this scholarship application. Reference statements will be considered in the process of validating a student's personal qualities of **character, leadership and community involvement**.

Student's Name

Reference Name

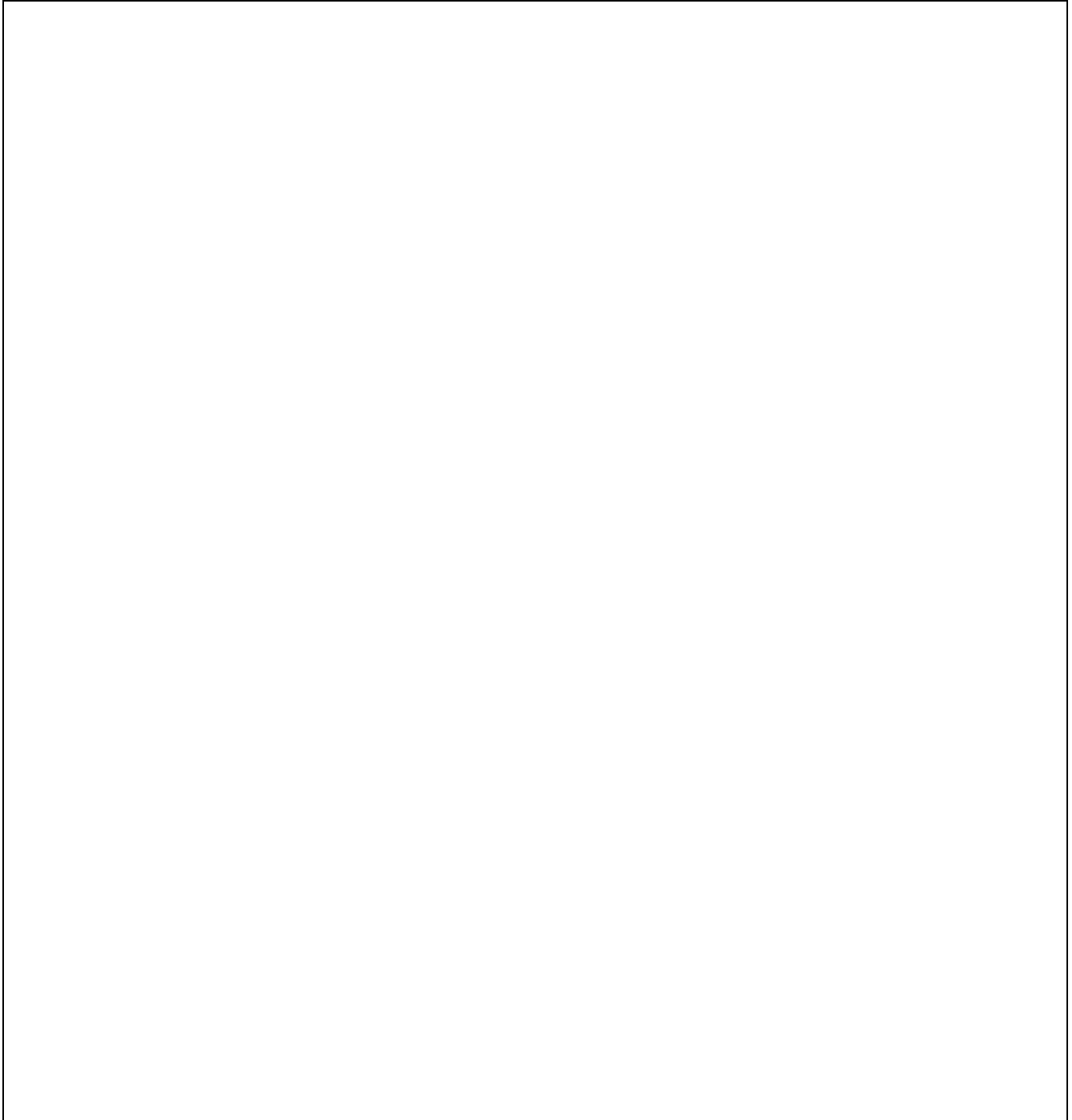
1. Briefly explain the relationship that enables you to provide reference to the above student.
2. Provide information which indicates your opinion of this student relative to each of the listed personal qualities (please provide specific examples). Use the reverse side of this page or a separate page may be submitted in lieu of this form provided all personal qualities are addressed.

Character:
Leadership:
Community Involvement

Applicant Typed Essay

Please compose a one page maximum typed essay on one of the following topics (you choose):

1. The most influential person in my life
2. An event which greatly influence my life
3. A current issues relevant to either Miles City or the State of Montana

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to type their essay. The box occupies most of the lower half of the page.

Addendum - Special Scholarships

Applicants should be aware of special scholarships that he or she may qualify for. These scholarships may carry special criteria as to background and experience, particular college or school, area of study (major), and/or other specifics.

Scholarships with specific criteria to be considered as well as the Custer County Educational Foundation Scholarship criteria:

EO & Edna Allen Foundation - \$4,000 annual renewable scholarship. Preference given to candidates enrolled in nursing, agriculture, fine arts, education or business technology fields of study and must attend a Montana Institution. Renewal status is based on maintaining a 3.0 GPA as well as remaining in either nursing, agriculture, fine arts, education or business technology field of study as stated in the scholarship criteria.

Kiwanis Scholarship – Candidate to be a child or grandchild of a Kiwanis member or a KEY CLUB member. Must have demonstrated community service. Preference to student pursuing vocational or technical training.

Albert & Ethel Bender Endowment Scholarship – Preference to candidates selecting education as a field of study. Elementary education first preference, secondary education as an alternative choice. Candidate to attend college or university within the Montana University System with preference to the University of Montana or University of Montana Western.

Sherman L. Schlosser & Dr. Elna Howard Memorial Scholarship – Two (2) to be awarded. Preference to candidates attending Miles Community College. Must have 3.0 GPA or better. Leadership, school and/or community involvement.

Ellen & Julian Terrett Scholarship – In memory of Ellen Greer. 3.0 GPA with preference to candidate attending a Montana post-secondary education institution including vocational/technical schools.

Connors Family Scholarship – Preference to Montana university system, Montana colleges, and Montana community colleges. Active in activities and employment, single parent or mother head of household or minority.

Wally & Mary Stevens Memorial Scholarship – Preference to attending a Montana school. Ed & Margaret Regan Memorial Scholarship – Preference to applicant pursuing vocational training in building trade, engineering, technical career, nursing or medical field.

Henry Dierks Memorial Scholarship – Awarded to a candidate pursuing a career in elementary education at a Montana college or university.

Teigen VanderEsch Memorial - The student who receives this scholarship should demonstrate leadership skills; should be friendly, outgoing and kind to others; should take interest in one or more of the following: Oncology, Radiology or Nursing.

NOTE: All awards, unless otherwise noted, will be for \$1,200.00