

STARKE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Starke County Community Foundation has more than 30 scholarship funds available from which we awarded more than \$37,000 in 2017. Scholarships can be used for tuition, books and academic fees, but not for room and board.

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit the SCCF website for a link to the online scholarship application. Then follow the instructions provided in the application. The application will be available early December. The deadline for the application, all required attachments and recommendation forms is March 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm CT.

www.nicf.org

HELPFUL HINTS:

- **Before you apply, gather all required documents.** The following documents must be uploaded to your application and formatted as a .pdf with the exception of the photo which must be formatted as a jpg.
 - **FAFSA Student Aid Report** which must include your name and Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number
 - A high quality **photo** of yourself from your shoulders up. Your junior yearbook photo works great!
- **Ask at least two people for their permission to list their names and email addresses as a reference for you on your scholarship application.** Please note that we DO NOT accept recommendation letters. Your references must complete an online recommendation form.
- **Start Early!** Begin filling out your application early, including inputting names and email addresses for your references. By doing so, you give your references ample time to submit a recommendation form on your behalf. If you wait until the deadline or near the deadline, your references may not be able to get their recommendation submitted in time which will make your application incomplete.
- **Keep record of your work, community service and extracurricular activities.** Your ability to demonstrate that you have invested your time wisely and for the benefit of others is meaningful to scholarship committees.
- **Spend time on your essays.** These are what can set you apart from others and gives insight to the scholarship committee about you!
- **Follow deadlines.**
 - **FAFSA: March 10, 2018**
 - **Traditional & Non-Traditional Scholarship Applications: March 2, 2018 @ 2:00 pm CT**
- Visit studentaid.ed.gov to find ways to get money for higher education.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Starke County Community Foundation scholarship coordinator at 574-223-2227 or Alison@nicf.org