

PERRY COUNTY DEMOCRAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP

What is the award?

The Democrat Central Committee of Perry County has established a scholarship fund to encourage and assist Perry County students in their pursuit of educational opportunities beyond high school. The scholarship is intended for students who have demonstrated an interest in public service.

The award is a nonrenewable award which will be made to one graduating senior from each of the following high schools: DuQuoin, Pinckneyville and Trico. The award will in an amount of not less than \$100.00 and will not exceed \$500.00. The award amount will be based on the funds available. Receipt of an application does not guarantee an award of the scholarship.

Who is eligible?

Any high school senior who:

1. Is graduating from DuQuoin, Pinckneyville or Trico High School
2. Is a resident of Perry County
3. Is enrolled at any university, college or vocational school
4. Submits a completed application form to the guidance counselor of their school by the deadline of March 1, 2012
5. Has demonstrated interest in public service
6. Has demonstrated academic achievement

Who will make the selection?

All submitted applications will be reviewed by the Perry County Democrat Central Committee; and all suitable applicants will be selected and given to a committee appointed by the school for final selection. Selection will be based on academic achievement, commitment to public service and character.

How do I apply?

Applications are available from the guidance counselor at each school. Completed applications are to be returned to the guidance counselor by March 1, 2012.

How is the award made?

Recipients, if any, will be announced at their school's awards program. Recipients will be presented with the check in the amount of the award at the annual Perry County Democrat Golf Scramble. Award money may be used for any expense related to the recipient's educational needs.

**PERRY COUNTY DEMOCRAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

All information provided will be treated with strict confidentiality.

Date _____ Applicant _____
Soc. Sec. No. _____
Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Home Address _____
County _____ Phone No. _____

SCHOOLS ATTENDED

Secondary Schools Attended:

Name of School	Dates of attendance	Graduate?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Indicate your class rank: _____ of _____ and your grade point average: _____

High School Activities and Honors

CAREER PLANS

What field do you plan to major? _____
When do you plan to graduate? _____
What are your career plans beyond graduation? _____

PUBLIC SERVICE

List activities that demonstrate your commitment to public service.

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, write a brief essay (200 words maximum) on the topic: **“What public service means to me.”**

REFERENCES

List the names and addresses of three references (not relatives) who know you well, stating their occupation.

Name	Address	Occupation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If there are circumstances not covered in this form that you wish to be considered in processing your application, please describe them on the reverse side of this page. If additional space is required, please attach a separate letter to your application.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned applicant, hereby certify that the statements and information contained in this application are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false or incomplete information could result in my not being considered of this scholarship.

Signature