



Community First Bank

OF THE HEARTLAND

2021 Scholarship Application

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Community First Bank of the Heartland Scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship will receive funding towards the continuing of their education. Below are the requirements you must meet in order to be considered for this scholarship. Applicants with a personal or family relationship with the Community First Bank will be given first consideration.

- Must be senior graduating in 2021 from a Jefferson County High School
- Must have an accumulative GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale

If you meet the above requirements, please complete the following application and return to Community First Bank, Attn: Kathleen Howard, at 117 N 10th St, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 by Wednesday, March 31, 2021.



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2021 APPLICATION

Name: _____ High School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____ Home Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Household Income: _____

College/University you plan to attend: _____

Employer: _____ Are you a participant in the Co-Op Program? Yes No

*Applications must be received by Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Please mail them to or drop them off at
Community First Bank Attn: Kathleen Howard, 117 N 10th St, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864*

Instructions

Number and attach answers to the following questions

- 1.) Please describe your involvement in school curricular and extracurricular activities. List the identified activities, citing the number of years of participation and your role and responsibility with the activity and/or organization.
- 2.) Please describe your involvement in community activities. List time involved and why being involved with the organization(s) is important to you and what you have gained from being involved.
- 3.) Describe your future college and career plans.
- 4.) Develop an essay on the following topic:

“What does your community ‘need’ and why?”

This essay should be approximately 250 words typed or computer generated.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information given is true and correct and give permission to Community First Bank to contact my high school for any additional information that may support my nomination. I understand that this scholarship is partly based on leadership and values. I agree to forfeit any scholarship money unpaid by Community First Bank should any incident occur which would lower my score for leadership/values---- even if such incident happens after the press conference announcing me as the recipient is held.

Signature

Date



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SCHOOL VERIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Please have your school counselor fill in the information below and attach a high school transcript with the application.

Grade Point Average for Seven Semesters, Based on a 4-Point Scale _____.

Ranks _____ in a class of _____

ACT Score as of Application Deadline:

Composite Score _____

SAT:

Verbal Score: _____

Math: _____

Asset Composite Score: _____

Signature of School Official

Title

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117 N 10th Street
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864



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CHARACTER REFERENCES

*This is a confidential reference sheet to be copied and completed by three different individuals. The person completing this reference form should seal it in an envelope and sign over the sealed flap before returning it to the student. It is not intended to be shared with the student. **Your reference may also include a letter of recommendation to accompany this sheet if they wish.***

This reference form is being completed for (student) _____

Person completing this reference form:

Name: _____

Title: _____

I have gotten to know this student--(Check all that apply)

_____ During the regular school day _____ During extracurricular activities

_____ Through community service or church activities _____ Through personal acquaintance

Rating Scale

Please rate the student in each of the following categories using a scale of 1 – 5. 1 = lowest score, 5 = highest score		
Honesty	Student is truthful and acts with morally sound behavior (does not lie, cheat, steal, etc.)	1 2 3 4 5
Dependability	Student is capable of handling responsibilities given to them. I also know a task assigned to them will be completed correctly and on time.	1 2 3 4 5
People skills	Student is well liked and respected by their peers and superiors. Student always behaves appropriately in public situations and treats all they encounter with respect and kindness.	1 2 3 4 5
Leadership	Student goes above and beyond what is asked of them and encourages others to do the same. I seek them out for leadership roles because I know they can effectively handle the job.	1 2 3 4 5
Self-Regard	Student is respectful of themselves and I believe they abstain from self-destructive behavior such as the use of alcohol, tobacco and/or drugs.	1 2 3 4 5