Instructions and Information

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2027

Student's Application for the

Paul W. Zurcher Memorial Scholarship

(through the Adams County Community Foundation - ACCF)



This application is for students applying for the ACCF / Paul W. Zurcher Memorial Scholarship.

This scholarship opportunity is in loving memory of Paul Zurcher (July 9, 1924 – May 7, 2015). Paul returned from the front lines of World War II when he was 21 years old. With a borrowed $300, he opened a one-bay service station. What started with one employee has now grown to 100-plus at the original Monroe, Indiana location. Today there are more than 250 independently owned and operated Best-One locations across 14 states.

As founder of the Best-One Tire & Service group, Sunday School teacher, public speaker, and servant leader, Paul encouraged thousands of people to reach their dreams. Paul was a lifelong learner who often said, **"You're the same today as you'll be in five years except for the people you meet and the books you read."** (quoted from Charlie "Tremendous" Jones).

Applicants will show how they live out Paul's Nine Commitments (see application) through school, church or community activities, work experience, or family involvement. Applicants must show a connection to the Best-One Tire & Service group (Best-One employee or employee's spouse/child/dependent). Scholarships may be awarded to students seeking two- or four-year degrees, post-secondary vocational training, or a graduate degree.

How to access the Z-Fund application: This is available from the ACCF website. www.AdamsCountyFoundation.org Open this application and save to your personal device to complete the fields. You will need to change the title of the doc to retain your changes. The completed (computer generated (preferred) application can be emailed to: accf@adamscountyfoudnation.org. If you do not get an email confirmation it is likely your application was not received. Please call (260.724-3939) / email for confirmation.

The Adams County Community Foundation Scholarship(s) will be awarded through an application process designed to recognize deserving May / June 2027 traditional high school graduates or non-traditional students (see page 3 for definition). Pages must be submitted in this order:

Check-off:		**Pages:**
☐	Scholarship application (numbered pages 1-3); note, p.3, parent signature required for a traditional student	1-3
☐	Guardian's / Parent's / Applicant's personal employment information (numbered page 4)	4
☐	Additional page(s), if applicable (see application), pages of 'additional information' may be combined on one/two page(s)	5+
☐	Student's high school or most recent transcript (this may be one or two pages)	5,6

Do: **Computer generate the application** (preferred) or neatly written with black pen.

Do: Note the order (see above) in which the pages should be stapled or submitted. This application (and added pages) may be emailed.

Do: Attach your picture to the application (pg.1).

Do/Mailed (for mailed copies) re: your picture, please have your name on the back of the photo.

Do/Mailed: (for mailed copies) Print completed applications one sided. Staple your application in the upper left corner.

Do/Mailed: (for mailed copies) Submit your approximate 7-page application (printed one sided) in one envelope with appropriate postage

Do not: Miss The Deadline!! **By 4:00PM** (EST), Wed., January 20, 2027 at the Adams County Community Foundation, 102 N. Second Street, Decatur, IN 46733.

Note: Only one copy is needed for this application process.



Questions? Comments? The staff at the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF) welcomes your call: (260) 724-3939 or email messages and/or you may email this application to: ACCF@AdamsCountyFoundation.org
hours: 8-4, M-F / Please visit the ACCF website: www.AdamsCountyFoundation.org
If you want to drop this off before or after hours, please use the mail slot on the ACCF, Madison Street door.
ACCF, 102 N. 2nd Street, Decatur, IN 46733. Electronic copies are accepted: ACCF@AdamsCountyFoundation.org

The Adams County Community Foundation, Inc.
Paul W. Zurcher Memorial Scholarship Application

Please attach your picture here.

Scholarship Eligibilities:

1) Must be a current Best-One employee, or employee's spouse or dependent child, (please explain your Best-One employment/association)
2) Must be a graduating senior (traditional), OnTrack, or Non-traditional student (see page 3 of 4 for details)
3) Respond to the application questions;
4) Respond to the essay topics (page 2);
5) Priority given (but not limited to): a GPA average 2.0 (on 4.0 scale);
6) Must plan to enter an accredited postsecondary institute this fall, including vocational certification programs.
7) Upon announcement of this award, the scholar's 'Best-One-Tire' Association/Employee must be in good standing.

The Paul W. Zurcher Memorial Scholarship is a non-renewable, non-transferable scholarship for up to $1,500. There may be multiple awards.

Include with this application:

1) Student's most recent transcripts (Printed one sided.)

Please return this completed three-page application (and added pages) to the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF), 102 N. Second St. Decatur, IN 46733 before 4:00 pm (EST), Wednesday, January 20, 2027. Electronic copies will be accepted: ACCF@AdamsCountyFoundation.org. It is the responsibility of the student to confirm receipt of this application by the ACCF. If you do not get an email confirmation it is likely your application was not received. Please call (260.724-3939) / email for confirmation. Post-marks on mailed copies to designate date will not be accepted. Copies dropped off at the ACCF before or after hours may use the mail-slot on the ACCF, Madison St. door. Applications that do not meet this due date (and time) will not be considered.

Last Name	First Name	MI	Email

Permanent Street Address	City, State ZIP	Cell Number	Home Telephone

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) – traditional students only	Address (if different from above) / City, State ZIP

Name of High School – Traditional students	Street Address	GPA (4.0 scale)	Guidance Counselor(s) Name(s)

Name of College attending: OT or NT students	City / State of College attending (or plan to attend)	GPA (4.0 scale)

List Your Planned Major of Study Program(s) / List College(s) To Which You Have Applied and Indicate if You Have Been Accepted

Major (priority listed first)	Institution	Accepted	
		☐ Yes	☐ No
		☐ Yes	☐ No
		☐ Yes	☐ No

Intended Employment Pursuit:	
Projected Graduation Date from college / trade school (Year):	

School Activities, Awards and Honors: Beginning with the current year, list all activities, awards and/or honors received during the last four years.

If necessary you may add a page of information to further list your activities, awards, and honors.

(1) Community Involvement and (2) Work Experience: Beginning with the current year, list any activities you have participated in during high school (traditional students) or the past several years (non-traditional students).

If necessary, you may add a page to further list your community involvement or work experience.

In a short paragraph, describe your decision to pursue your degree/certificate in this area and your future plans.

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Essay Topic: Paul's Nine Commitments. How does one of these Commitments relate to you?

1. **Seek God's friendship, fellowship, and guidance.** Our intimacy with God – His highest priority for us – determines the impact of our lives. Truly, all of the other commitments are driven by this first commitment.
2. **Develop effective relationships.** Strive to develop and maintain your relationships. Life is all about relationships, and true greatness is achieved by making a difference in other people's lives. Trust is the glue of life, holding families, organizations, cultures, and relationships together.
3. **Treat everyone with honor, love, dignity, and respect.** If we did this, we would solve most of the world's problems! Respect and care for others is so important. Caring is the foundation of just about everything. If you possess deep-seated caring, it is evidenced in all you do.
4. **Be self-disciplined and self-controlled.** According to the experts, this is a common trait among the lives of all great leaders. You can keep your life in balance by adopting these four habits:
   - **Physical**: Get at least 8 hours of sleep a night.
   - **Mental**: Keep learning. It's been said that "leaders are readers," so Paul read 1 ½ hours a day.
   - **Family**: Make time with your family a priority.
   - **Spiritual**: Keep connected with your spiritual side. You are ever growing, changing, developing, improving, and becoming the person you know you can be.
5. **Do the right things right.** If you make great decisions, you will live a great life. Before making a decision, particularly a large one (or before we give advice to assist someone else in making a decision), it is wise for each of us to take time in the classroom of silence to listen to the gentle voice within. Your values drive your behavior. Remember, your actions impact many more people than just yourself.
6. **Be a positive, passionate, and enthusiastic person.** Paul found this Charles Swindoll quote to be fantastic, "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it." We can react best in life by being positive, enthusiastic, and passionate.
7. **Never compromise your integrity**. One of the greatest things you can say about a person is that he/she has integrity. "Live with integrity, character, and passion." Paul believed so strongly in this that it is a core value of the Best-One organization.
8. **Plan for tomorrow today.** Ask God to guide you in your planning. An idea isn't worth much unless you have a plan of action to carry it out. "An idea is worth $1.00, but a plan of action is worth $1,000,000."
9. **Live now, and live it wide open!** This statement just simply speaks for itself. Don't just live your life, but live it to the greatest of your ability.

Paul's life and work were guided by these Nine Commitments. Please describe how you practice one of these Commitments.

If necessary, you may add a page to further describe how the Nine Commitments relate to you.

☐ I certify that the information provided on this application (and all necessary paperwork to the ACCF) is complete, true, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted and/or repayment of any funding misappropriated to me as a result of later discovered impropriety or illegality.

☐ I agree to account for and return any amount of the special allocation for required books and required equipment remaining at the end of each school year.

☐ By checking this, I understand that I have given the Adams County Community Foundation permission to share my scholarship application with other committees so that I may be considered for scholarship(s) beyond the Foundation's selection committees and/ or (upon request) members of the Zurcher family.

The Foundation shall reserve the right to withdraw the scholarship if the recipient should conduct himself/herself in such a manner that would result in and reflect an unfavorable image upon the Adams County Community Foundation and any scholarship associated with the Foundation.

Signature of Student: The signature below affirms that all information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian: The signature below affirms that all information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
(for traditional student only)

Date

You may submit this application with necessary materials electronically to ACCF@AdamsCountyFoundation.org**.** It is the responsibility of the student to confirm the application was received by the ACCF within the required due date and time.

T Traditional: This student is a graduating high school senior planning to attend college in the fall.
OT On-Track: This student has been out of high school 1+ years. This student is either a current college student or plans to attend in the fall.
NT Nontraditional: This student has been out of high school 5+ years and/or has a child. This student is either a current college student or plans to attend in the fall.

What to expect next?

The ACCF / Paul Zurcher Scholarship Committee will review the applications. If questions are presented, the ACCF will contact the student to clarify these questions. Decisions will be final.

Traditional student scholarship awards will be announced at the student's high school awards event.

Nontraditional student scholarship awards will be presented to the student at their local Best-One Tire site.

Announcement: The announcement of the recipient(s) will be reported on the Best-One Tire websites by mid-June. Letters to non-recipients will not be sent.

Student & Family Employment, etc. Information,
Adams County Community Foundation

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www.AdamsCountyFoundation.org / Questions? accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org

This page may be neatly hand written.

Applicant's name: _____ Employment: _____

Employment address: _____ Title: _____

☐ part-time (approx. # of hrs./wk: _____) ☐ full-time

Mother's/guardian's name: _____ Day Phone: - _____

Place & Address of Employment: _____ Title: _____

☐ part-time (approx. # of hrs./wk: _____) ☐ full-time

Father's/guardian's name: _____ Day Phone: - _____

Place & Address of Employment: _____ Title: _____

☐ part-time (approx. # of hrs./wk: _____) ☐ full-time

Siblings: (living with you and those supported by your household - 50% or more of the time):

	Relationship	Name	Age	Year in school	Presently attending college?
1.)					☐ yes ☐ no
2.)					☐ yes ☐ no
3.)					☐ yes ☐ no
4.)					☐ yes ☐ no
5.)					☐ yes ☐ no

Family Matters: **Is there anything more you would like to share regarding your family's financial status?**
(i.e. lay-off, illness, parent(s) in college, grandparent/foster child lives with your family, etc.)
If you need additional space, please attach a separate page.

As some committees use this information to determine eligibility or selection, this information is necessary. Please check all that apply:

Family/College Experience:

☐ I am the first person (to include my siblings and parents) in my family to attend college.

☐ I have older sibling(s) in my family who have college experience.
- ☐ I have _____ Older sibling(s) who have college experience.
- ☐ I have _____ Older sibling(s) who have college degree(s)

☐ My parents have college experience:
- ☐ My father has college experience. and / or ☐ My father has a college degree.
- ☐ My mother has college experience. and / or ☐ My mother has a college degree.

Public assistance received during the past 12 months (check all that apply):

☐ Temporary Assistance to Families ☐ Trustee's Assistance ☐ Food Stamps
☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ☐ Free or Reduced Lunch ☐ Other: _____

This completes the ACCF / **'Paul W. Zurcher Memorial Scholarship** Application in memory of Paul W. Zurcher
Thank you for your participation.