

Adams County, Indiana resident / student
Home School & Non-Adams County high school / graduating hs senior
2024-2025 Scholarship Eligibility Page / Check-Off Form

Home School student / Non-Adams Co. school (circle one):
AC School District
NA School District
SA School District

Adams County Community Foundation
102 N. 2nd Street, Decatur, IN 46733
email: accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org / phone: 260.724-3939
hours: M-Th, 8:00 am-4:00 pm / Friday: 8:00-1:00pm (Note: mail slot/Madison St. door: available 24/7)
website: www.AdamsCountyFoundation.org

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Applicant's name (last/first): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ student's phone: 260. \_\_\_\_\_ (circle one: this is my cell / home ph)
Last name First name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ city: \_\_\_\_\_ IN zip: \_\_\_\_\_ school: \_\_\_\_\_ non-school email: \_\_\_\_\_

college: (1st choice) \_\_\_\_\_ (2nd) \_\_\_\_\_

major: (1st choice) \_\_\_\_\_ (2nd) \_\_\_\_\_

Targeted educational degree: \_\_\_ 4 year degree / \_\_\_ 2 year degree....for a 2-yr degree, the shorter application may be submitted

List scholarships already awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ \* (ex.: 21st Century Scholarship/ Scholarship from your college / etc.)

Please place a single copy of this two page info sheet on the very top of all your applications secured with a rubber band, string, ribbon, or in one large envelope - anything that secures the 10 applications together. This security item is for office use only and will be removed shortly after the application has been placed in the appropriate scholarship listing. Taking great efforts to secure the applications with something unique or costly is not necessary.

How to access the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF) Scholarship Application:

You may go to the ACCF website or your high school's website page - 'Scholarships'

Save: To download the ACCF Application: dbl click on 'Read-Only' (no password is necessary)

To save your application: use a different title (the application is a locked doc, therefore, each time you make changes and wish to save the new form, you will need to save it under a new title)

Needed: Two letters of recommendation (in compliance with the instructions as shown on the application)

One full transcript (six semesters)

Submit 10 copies of this application packet following the instructions as listed on the application.

Do not miss the due date. Applications submitted after the due date will not be considered for review.

Please (X) the scholarships for which you qualify / wish to be considered. Place this 2-page form on your application packet. Please put this right on the very top of your application packet. (1 copy only)

This is a brief overview. If you have questions, you may email or call the ACCF. Most scholarships require a fall college enrollment. / Proof of Association forms are located on the ACCF website or you can email at: accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org

Vocational, 2-year, and 4-year Degree Applications

2-year degree application

requirement summary

All Adams County schools: Note: fund representatives set eligibility requirements (HS is abbreviation for Home School. There are few scholarships for HS)
\_\_\_ Dennis & Sylvia Scheumann Scholarship major: Vocational occupation (healthcare or mechanics)
\_\_\_ Selking International Trucks Scholarship major: Voc. occupation (diesel mechanics / business major) Special Application

2 / 4-year degree application

requirement summary

\_\_\_ Tiffany Abner Scholarship music major / music association Special Application
\_\_\_ American Legion, Post #468 Scholarship Am Legion, Post #468 association Proof of association req
\_\_\_ AHA IN - in memory of Ralph Biggs student lives in an AHA housing apartment (see page 3)
\_\_\_ Pauline Borders Memorial Scholarship major: Science, Health, Information, or Technology area of study/ South Adams area
\_\_\_ Bracey Healthcare Scholarship priority: healthcare (priority pre-med, PA, nursing, etc)
\_\_\_ Adams County Coon Hunters Scholarship priority: outdoor enthusiast (hunter/trapper), agriculture, works with animals
\_\_\_ Trooper Cory Elson Memorial Scholarship refer to scholarship description for topic details Essay req.
\_\_\_ Farm Bureau Scholarship major: agriculture / associated with Farm Bureau Proof of association req.
\_\_\_ 4-H (Four-H) Scholarship 4-H member / final / 10 year
\_\_\_ FCC Scholarship major: engineer / associated with FCC
\_\_\_ Huntington Comm. Found. / Paul Sounder Scholarship major: aviation
\_\_\_ Knights of Columbus Scholarship Catholic Church association (male students)
\_\_\_ Lehman Feed Mill Scholarship major: plans to major in an agricultural field of study (lives in AC School district)
\_\_\_ Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing (LHSN) Scholarship major: health care / nursing (priority is to a current college student)
\_\_\_ Mark P. Merkel / 4-H Scholarship 4-H member / final year
\_\_\_ Peter Minnich Memorial Scholarship multiple awards presented (must live in the city limits of Berne)
\_\_\_ Nut Tree Reading Scholarship refer to scholarship description for topic details Essay req.
\*New \_\_\_ Lillie Lee Potteiger & Jean Ray Nursing Scholarship Major in nursing/ shows aptitude, desire, and character
\_\_\_ Glen & Phyllis Zimmerman Scholarship Student plans to major in agriculture, diesel mechanics, farming, agricultural occupation

NOTE: 2-year students may complete a 2-year application only. These students will be considered only for these listed 2-year scholarship opportunities. However, 2-year students may also complete a four-year application. By submitting two applications, this would allow review of more scholarship committees as these students could then be considered for additional scholarship opportunities. FYI: Some scholarship committees will only review 4-year applications.

Reminder: NOTE: when submitting this 'Check-off' form to the ACCF, only submit one copy of pp 1 & 2

**Supplemental Information Sheet**

(this may qualify you for more scholarship opportunities)

Students, please obtain a copy of this page at your guidance department or use this print out

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Home School / Non-Adams County School (circle one):

Other school / living in \_\_\_ school district

Home School / living in \_\_\_ school district

It is expected that this page will be completed neatly handwritten. Please use blue or black ink.

Please staple this page to the Check-off Sheet (available at your guidance department)

Applicant's name (last/first): \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name

**Targeted educational degree:**

- 4-year degree is my goal
- 2-year degree is my goal

(Information required by some scholarships) School attended / years attended:

Name of Elementary School and the grades attended: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Middle Schools and the grades attended: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Involvement / Summer Programs:**

Please check the activities and the number of years involved (to-date). This may include years prior to your high school involvement. Please circle one number of years range for each activity selected:

- Missionary Trips, out-of-state: location: \_\_\_\_\_ # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Missionary Trips, out-of-country location: \_\_\_\_\_ # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+

**NOTE:**

This information is very important.

Please complete this form thoroughly.

Your history may be the tie-breaker decision for an award.

**Involvement / Interests:**

Please check the activities and the number of years involved (to-date). This may include years prior to your high school involvement. Please circle one number of years range for each activity selected:

- Automotive tech # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Machines, trades # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Building trades # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Hunting / Trapping # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Shooting Sports # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- 4-H # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- FFA # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Band # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Music # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Choir # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Broadcasting (radio, TV, etc) # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Dance (community programs) # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Theater / Drama / Performing Arts # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Internships (business, healthcare, etc.) # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Creative Arts (painting, sculpting, photography, visual arts, fashion design, graphic arts, etc) please specify: \_\_\_\_\_ # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ # of years: 1-3 4-6 7-10+

Details (if desired): \_\_\_\_\_

**School Letters Earned or special recognition / participation:** Please list the activity (sports, academic, arts, etc.) and the year(s):

For example: For example: Basketball, lettered: 2022, 2023, 2024 + anticipate 2025  
Band: lettered: 2022, 2023, 2024 + anticipate 2025

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Many donors are interested in specific student involvement.

This page will assist the ACCF and the donors to identify potential students for the scholarship selection committee's review.

**Below: additional scholarship opportunities** NOTE: when submitting this 'Check-off' form to the ACCF, submit only ONE COPY of pp 1 & 2

**Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF)**

The ACCF offers many scholarship opportunities for Adams County, IN residents (and students graduating from an Adams Co. high school). Some scholarships require supplemental materials in order to be eligible for their scholarship. Once a student has submitted the ACCF application (due date; 4<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday** in January by 4:00 pm), students have one additional week to submit their supplemental materials.

ACCF application due date: 4<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday** in January by 4:00 pm  
 Supplemental materials due date: 5<sup>th</sup> **Wednesday** in January by 4:00 pm



**Supplemental materials:** There are two types of supplemental materials. They are:

1. **Proof of Association:** This is a simple, one-page form is available from your high school guidance office and the ACCF website. The proof required varies by each scholarship and is outlined on each form. Only one copy of each proof you choose to submit is required. The following scholarships require a Proof of Association form in order to be considered for their scholarship:
  - a. Dixie (Harvey) Arven Proof of Association form available on the ACCF website or your guidance dept.
  - b. American Legion Post #43 (Decatur) “
  - c. American Legion Post #468 (Berne) “
  - d. Decatur Volunteer Fire Department “
  - e. Farm Bureau “
  - f. Meshberger / LICA “
2. **Essay:** Each scholarship with an essay requirement has a specific topic for students to address. The essay topic and requirements are available from your high school guidance office, the ACCF website, and are included below. Please note that multiple copies of each essay are required for submission. The following essays can be submitted up to seven days after the required ACCF application was submitted.
  - a. Trooper Cory Elson
  - b. Ebony Ann Fawcett Scholarship
  - c. Nut Tree Reading
  - d. Smith Brothers of Berne / Nick Taylor (requires both proof of association **and** essay)
  - e. Kim Tomlin Scholarship
  - f. Officer Jerry Wyss
3. **Special Application:** These scholarships have a special, separate application. These can be access on the ACCF website
  - a. Tiffany Abner Memorial Scholarship
  - b. AHAIN Scholarship, in Memory of Ralph Biggs
  - c. Eric Mies Scholarship for Travel
  - d. Smith Brothers of Berne / Nick Taylor (requires both proof of association **and** essay)
  - e. Dr. H.S. ‘Terry’ Lee - (requires both proof of association **and** essay) + special requirements
  - f. Paul W. Zurcher (Z Fund) - (requires both proof of association **and** essay) + special requirements

All supplemental materials may be submitted on the same day as your application; however, please have these separated from your application. Please paperclip like-essays together. **Reminder: all supplemental materials are due the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in January by 4:00 pm**

Details on following pages

## ACCF Scholarship Opportunities Requiring Essays

For all following essays.

- Copies: Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay. .  
Submit essays separate from your application.
- Length / Font: maximum two pages, double spaced, margins: 1" / 12 (maximum), 10 (minimum)
- Author: Student's name, high school, and anticipated college in the upper right corner
- Essay title: see each essay listed
- Due: **by 4:00 pm the 5<sup>th</sup> W., in January** (late essays will not be considered)

### Eligible students: AC / NA / HS Decatur Rotary 'Service above Self' Scholarship

- Essay title: Decatur Rotary, Service Above Self Scholarship (centered)
- Essay Topic: Please address these three topics. Describe in 2 pages (max) how you have modeled:
- "Service Above Self" in your actions in high school
  - What service to others means to you, (and)
  - How you will endeavor to serve others wherever your future takes you.

### Eligible Students: AC/ NA/ SA/HS and Non-Adams Co. Schools Trooper Cory Elson Memorial Scholarship

- Essay title: Trooper Cory Elson Memorial Scholarship (centered)
- What is community service?  
How have you participated in community service?  
How has this community service impacted you?
- In this essay, please give **personal illustration(s)** of how your life or your attitude resembles these topics given.

### Eligible students: AC / NA / SA / HS Nut Tree Reading Scholarship

- Essay title: Nut Tree Reading Scholarship / **How Reading Has Impacted My Life** (centered)
- Essay Topic: Please give personal illustration(s) two topics (minimum). Describe in 2 pages (max) how you have modeled:  
For example (but not limited to): You may opt to use these suggestions only to springboard into the (one) topic of your choice  
*Travel Books / Suspense / Education / Fiction / Nonfiction / Biographies / Autobiographies / Humor / etc. / etc.*
- What books draw your attention? Why?
  - Have you learned a life's lesson through your reading experiences? If yes, how?
  - Has reading helped you to form the educational goals you have set for yourself? If yes, how?
  - Was there a book you read that you felt compelled to share with a friend? If yes, what book and why.

Note to applicant: When evaluating The **Nut Tree Reading** essays, the selection committee will look for the applicant's description of behavior or the lifestyle as

### Eligible Students: AC/ NA/ SA / HS and Non-Adams Co. Schools Officer Jerry Wyss Memorial Scholarship

- Essay title: Officer Jerry Wyss Memorial Scholarship (centered)

Note to applicant: When evaluating the Officer Jerry Wyss essays, the selection committee will look for the description of behavior or the lifestyle of the applicant. The scholarship committee will review how an applicant handled a situation and/or how the applicant possesses one or more of the key qualities and values admired in Jerry Wyss. Applicants may choose to address and give examples using one or two of the following qualities/values:

**Hard-working:** Jerry worked hard in everything he did. He did not shy away from hard work, and he did not seek undue recognition or sympathy for it; Jerry's perseverance paid off for him on many occasions.

**Positive Outlook:** Jerry had an attitude that integrated fun into everything he did, whether it was work or play. He made hard work enjoyable, recreation was pleasant, and he remained upbeat and didn't dwell so such matters when things did not go his way.

**Loyalty:** Jerry was a loyal friend that could always be depended on to jump into action, even if it was inconvenient for him (outside of work) or dangerous for him (while on duty). He would not betray the trust between friends.

**Dedicated to Family:** Jerry's family was at the top of his life and he loved them fiercely. He looked forward to every minute spent with them, and would conscientiously look after extended family members.

In this essay, please give **personal illustration(s)** of how your work ethic resembles Jerry's, and /or an example of how your attitude, and / or life experiences best parallels these endearing values describing Jerry's qualities. For a completed essay, please address only one or two virtues in your essay – max. two pages.

**Tiffany Abner Memorial Scholarship**

due: by 4:00 pm the 5<sup>th</sup> W., in January

In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must fill out the Tiffany Abner Memorial Scholarship application, (the ACCF website) and submit it by the due date. The successful candidate(s) will have their educational goals as attending an accredited institute or retain lessons from a recognized music instructor.



This scholarship opportunity is available for traditional & on track students residing in Adams or Jay County. Scholarships may be awarded to students seeking to further their education at an accredited institution for a degree in the music field.

**AHAIN Scholarship, in Memory of Ralph Biggs**

due: by 4:00 pm the 5<sup>th</sup> W., in January

- Eligibility: Students seeking a 2- or 4-year degree or post-secondary vocational training are eligible to apply  
Students must live in housing supported by the affordable Housing Association of Indiana or show show a connection to an AHAIN employee
- Eligibility field: State of Indiana where affordable housing is located
- To apply: Students must submit the AHAIN Scholarship application  
Students must submit Proof of Association with AHAIN employee (included in application)



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**Dr. H.S. 'Terry' Lee and Family Memorial Scholarship**

due: by 4:00 pm the 5<sup>th</sup> W., in January

In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must fill out the Dr. H. S. 'Terry' Lee and Family Memorial Scholarship Application and submit it by the due date noted on the application. This application requires a proof of association which is included within the application.

This scholarship opportunity is available for a traditional, on-track and non-traditional students. As such, it will have multiple due dates during the calendar year.

Applicants will show how their lives represent the commitment and dedication as exemplified by Dr. Terry Lee. Applicants must show a connection to the Adams Health Network (employee or employee's spouse/child/dependent). Scholarships may be awarded to students seeking to further their education at an accredited institution for a two-year, four-year or advance-degree in the health-care field. This is to

include, but not limited to, Medical School, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Technical School, to include Medical Coding, Hospital Administrative positions, etc.

**Selking International Trucks Scholarship**

due: by 4:00 pm the 5<sup>th</sup> W., in January

- Eligibility: Students seeking a vocational training for (priority) diesel mechanics or field of business.
- Eligibility field: three state area where a Selking International Trucks business is located
- To apply: Students must submit the Selking International Trucks Scholarship application



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**Paul W. Zurcher Memorial Scholarship**

due: by 4:00 pm the 5<sup>th</sup> W., in January

- Eligibility: Students seeking a 2- or 4-year degree or post-secondary vocational training are eligible to apply  
Students must show a connection to the Best-One Tire & Service group (Best-One employee or employee' spouse/ child dependent)
- Eligibility field: 14 state area where a Best One Tire business is located
- To apply: Students must submit the Paul W. Zurcher (Z Fund) Memorial Scholarship application  
Students must submit Proof of Association with Best-One Tire & Service (included in application)  
Students must submit essay showing how they live out Paul's Nine Commitments through school, church, or community activities (see application for details)



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To access the AHAIN, or Selking International Trucks, or Zurcher application: contact the ACCF at: [accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org](mailto:accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org)