

## Adams County, Indiana Students

### 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; **third Wednesday in January**), students have one additional week to submit their supplemental materials.

ACCF application due date: 4th **Wednesday** in January by 4:00 pm (Jan. 22, 2025)

ESSAYS/Supplemental materials due date: 5th **Wednesday** in January by 4:00 pm (Jan. 29, 2025)

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

- 1. Proof of Association:** This simple, one-page form (for each scholarship) is available from your high school guidance office and/or 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 this scholarship:

- Niblick Community Service NA students only
- American Legion Post #43 (Decatur) AC / NA students + Post #43 Association
- American Legion Post #43 Richard Bleeke AC / NA students + Post #43 Association
- American Legion Post #468 (Berne) Post #468 Association
- Dixie (Harvey) Arven AC / NA students only
- Decatur Volunteer Fire Department AC / NA students only + Association with Community Service Personnel
- Farm Bureau Scholarship Farm Bureau Association
- Meshberger / LICA Meshberger/LICA Association and/ or Engineer major
- Smith Brothers of Berne / Nick Taylor (requires both proof of association **and** essay)

- 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 scholarships require an essay to be submitted in order to be considered for their scholarship:

- C.T.J. Foundation Scholarship
- Trooper Cory Elson Scholarship
- Ebony Fawcett Memorial Scholarship
- Jr. Achievement Scholarship
- Bryan Miller Scholarship
- Nut Tree Reading Scholarship
- Rotary 'Service above Self' Scholarship
- Smith Brothers of Berne / Nick Taylor Scholarship (requires both proof of association **and** essay)
- Kim Tomlin Servant Heart Memorial Scholarship
- Officer Jerry Wyss Scholarship

- 3. Separate Application:** (special requirements – see page 5, 6 for add 'l info) These four applications are due by 4th Wed in Jan: **W., January 22, 2025.**

- Tiffany Abner Scholarship (Music association)
- Dr. Lee and Family Scholarship (Adams Memorial Hospital Association)
- Selking International Trucks Scholarship (Vocational Scholarship)
- Paul W. Zurcher (Z Fund) Scholarship (Best One Association)

All supplemental materials may be submitted on the same day as your ACCF application; however, please have these separated from your application. Please paperclip like-essays together. **Reminder: all supplemental materials are due by 5th Wed. in Jan. by 4:00 pm.**

## 2025 Essay Topics:

### Brief overview of ACCF 2025 Scholarship Opportunities requiring essays / essay topics and details:

#### C. T. J. Foundation Memorial Scholarship

In memory: Connor Brite, Trevor Ortiz, Jordan Fuelling

Eligible students: NA / Belmont students only

##### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. Submit essays separate from your application.

Length / Font: maximum two pages, double spaced, margins: 1" / font size: 10 (minimum), 12 (maximum)

Author: Student's name, high school, and anticipated college in the **upper right corner** (name will be removed prior to committee review)

Essay title: C. T. J. Foundation Memorial Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

- Essay Topic: Please address one topic. Describe in (max) 500 words how you have modeled:

- A time when you helped a peer going through a rough time, how it helped them, and what you were able to learn from the situation.
- How you make sure that others around you feel included. Provide example(s) of how you went out of your way to make this person feel included and not left out.

#### Rotary 'Service above Self' Scholarship (Decatur Rotary Club)

Eligible students: AC / NA

##### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the Rotary essay to the Foundation. Submit essays separate from your application.

Length / Font: maximum two pages, double spaced, margins: 1" / font size: 10 (minimum), 12 (maximum)

Author: Student's name, high school, and anticipated college in the **upper right corner** (name will be removed prior to committee review)

Essay title: Rotary 'Service above Self' Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

Essay Topic: Please address these three topics. Describe in (max) 500 words 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.

#### Trooper Cory Elson Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA / SA

##### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. Submit essays separate from your application.

Length / Font: maximum two pages, double spaced, margins: 1" / font size: 10 (minimum), 12 (maximum)

Author: Student's name, high school, and anticipated college in the upper right corner.

Essay title: Trooper Cory Elson Memorial Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

Essay Topic: Please address these three topics. Describe in (max) 500 words how you have modeled:

- \* 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.

#### Ebony Ann Fawcett Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA / SA

##### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. Submit essays separate from your application.

Length / Font: maximum two pages, double spaced, margins: 1" / font size: 10 (minimum), 12 (maximum)

Author: Student's name, high school, and anticipated college in the upper right corner.

Essay title: Ebony Ann Fawcett Memorial Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

Essay Topic: Please address minimum of two topics. Describe in (max) 500 words how you have modeled:

- \* Ebony loved helping others, please explain when you have helped others "Keep Smiling & Keep Making Memories"
- \* Ebony often stated, "She had cancer. She was not sick. GOD is going to do something with it!" Explain a time you have overcome a challenge then helped others.
- \* Ebony loved GOD, her family, and animals. Explain a time when one or all three of these have helped you during a challenge.
- \* How has knowing Ebony or her journey impacted you/your life?

In this essay, please give **personal illustration(s)** of how your life or your attitude resembles these topics given.

## Junior Achievement Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA

### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. 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: Junior Achievement Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

Essay Topic: Please describe in (max) **300 words**:

**Note to applicant:** Junior Achievement's purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in the global economy. Junior Achievement provides education to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to achieve their own economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices. When evaluating the Junior Achievement essays, the selection committee will look for the applicant's that writes:

- How will you apply the education you received to impact your local economy through your chosen degree field?

## Bryan James Miller Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: NA only

### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. 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: **Bryan James Miller** Memorial Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

Essay Topic: Please address minimum of two topics.

**Note to applicant:** When evaluating the **Bryan James Miller** 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 the key qualities and values admired in **Bryan**.

- Faith: Bryan had a very strong faith and was involved in his church's youth ministry programs. Give an example of how your faith has impacted your life.
- Honesty: Bryan's strong morals and integrity were admirable. Give an example of an experience you had that questioned your honesty, but you made a good choice to exercise honesty and integrity.
- Humor: Bryan's friends often shared stories of Bryan's humor and wit. Courteous or polite humor is a trait often appreciated. Describe an example of an incident where you exercised good taste in a humorous situation.
- Family and friends: Bryan's was very close to his family and friends. Rarely would he be alone. He loved his parents, sister, grandparents and friends. His family treasured the time they spent together.

In this essay, please give **personal illustration(s)** of how your life resembles Bryan's, and /or an example of how your attitude, and / or life experiences best parallels these endearing values describing Bryan's qualities. For a completed essay, please address only one or two virtues in in the narrative you submit.

## Nut Tree Reading Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA / SA

### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. 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: Nut Tree Reading Scholarship / **How Reading Has Impacted My Life** (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

Essay Topic: Please address minimum of two topics. Describe in (max) two pages:

In this essay, please give **personal illustration(s)** of how your life has been impacted by reading. For a completed essay, please address only one or two examples in your essay.

For example (but not limited to): You may opt to use these suggestions only to springboard into the topic of your choice

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.

## Smith Brothers / Nick Taylor Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA / SA / + outside Adams County

Special Note: Smith Brothers / Nick Taylor Scholarship requires Proof of Association AND Essay. If a student is not associated with Smith Brothers Furniture (Berne), their essay will not be considered for this scholarship.

### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. 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: Nike Taylor Memorial Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

Essay Topic: Please address minimum of two topics. Describe in (max) two pages / (with examples) using one or two of the following qualities/values:

- **Served Others:** Nick worked hard while serving others. He was selfless and giving. He did not seek undue recognition for his kindness and compassion for others.
- **Strong Faith:** Nick had an attitude that shared his commitment to God and devotion to his faith.
- **Dedicated to Family:** Nick's family was a top priority, and he loved them infinitely. He treasured every minute with them.

Note to applicant: When evaluating the Nick Taylor 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 Nick Taylor. In this essay, please give **personal illustration(s)** of how your life resembles Nick's, and /or an example of how your attitude, and / or life experiences best parallels these endearing values described.

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## Kim Tomlin Servant Heart Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: SA

### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. 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: Kim Tomlin Servant Heart Memorial Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 4th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

During her life Kim Tomlin was known for her Servant Heart, Musical Excellence and Personal Integrity. While a student, she was also known for academic excellence. It is the intent that the applicant for the Kim Tomlin Servant Heart Scholarship also demonstrate these traits. Priority will be given to the trait of a Servant Heart and personal integrity, with musical and academic excellence considered as additional measurements.

Essay topic: Servant heart topic (required), please select minimum one (or more) additional topics (of three options listed) to write how your life parallels these traits of Kim Tomlin (not to exceed two pages).

(Required topic) **Servant Heart** – The mark of a Servant Heart is the ability to see a need, and then come alongside another to address the need without being asked and doing so without desire for recognition or reward. Describe a situation where you recognized a need, and what action you took. Describe the impact of your service.

**Personal Integrity** – Integrity means being honest and having strong moral principles. A person with integrity behaves ethically and does the right thing, even when no one is watching. Describe a situation where your personal integrity was challenged. Describe the situation, what you chose to do and the outcome of your decision.

**Personal Excellence** – Kim Tomlin excelled in music. Excellence requires constant commitment and effort. Many want to be excellent, but few want to put in the effort to obtain it. Describe what habits you practice on a regular basis to be excellent. If you are not engaged in music, describe what you are involved in and what you do on a regular basis to be excellent in your chosen discipline.

**Academic Excellence** – Academic Excellence is more than a GPA, or and SAT score. Academic Excellence is always learning and getting the most out of every opportunity to expand your personal knowledge. Describe a time when you went beyond the assignment to learn something that simply finishing the assignment would not have taught you.

In this essay, please give **personal illustration(s)** of how your lifestyle resembles Kim's, and /or examples of how your life experiences best parallels these commendable values describing Kim's qualities.

## Officer Jerry Wyss Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA / SA

### Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **5 copies** (total) of the essay to the Foundation. 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: Officer Jerry Wyss Memorial Scholarship (centered)

Due: by **4:00 pm the 5th Wednesday in January** (late essays will not be considered)

Essay Topic: Please address minimum of two topics. Describe in (max) two pages / (with examples) using one or two of the following qualities/values:

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.

### Continued:

### Special applications are required for these scholarships.

These four applications are due by 4th Wed in Jan:

**W., January 22, 2025**

- Tiffany Abner Scholarship (Music association)
- Dr. Lee and Family Scholarship (Adams Memorial Hospital Association)
- Selking International Trucks Scholarship (Vocational Scholarship)
- Paul W. Zurcher (Z Fund) Scholarship (Best One Association)

Please access the ACCF website for these applications or email the ACCF with your request: [accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org](mailto:accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org).

### 2025 Special Applications:

#### Scholarships with Special Requirements / Unique Application Process

### Tiffany Abner Memorial Scholarship

In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must fill out the Tiffany Abner Memorial Scholarship application, which is on 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.

Due Dates for the Tiffany Abner Memorial Scholarship: **by 4:00 pm the 4th W., in January\*** / **2<sup>nd</sup> due date: 1<sup>st</sup> W. in June\*\***

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.

\*Traditional students / \*\*OnTrack, NonTraditional students (as Dr. Lee Scholarship, pls see below)



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



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. If applicable, please provide a proof of association with the Adams Memorial Hospital, which is included within the application.

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

Traditional: current high school student	by <b>4:00 pm</b> on the <b>4th W.</b> , in <b>January</b>
OnTrack: out of high school 1-5 years	by <b>4:00 pm</b> the <b>1st W.</b> , in <b>June</b>
NonTraditional: out of high school 5+ years	by <b>4:00 pm</b> the <b>1st W.</b> , in <b>June</b>

Applicants will show how their lives represents the commitment and dedication as exemplified by Dr. Terry Lee. **Priority is given, but not limited to:** Applicants that 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

In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must fill out the Selking International Trucks Scholarship application and submit it by the due date noted on the application, which is located on the ACCF website. Please provide a proof of association with Selking International Trucks with the application.

Due Date for the Selking International Trucks Scholarship Application: **by 4:00 pm the 4th Wednesday in January**

Applicants should plan to enter an accredited postsecondary institute the next fall, including vocational certificate programs. Priority is given to students (current or planning) to major in the diesel mechanics field of study.

Also considered eligible: applicants that show a connection to the Selking International Trucks & Service group (employee or employee's spouse/child/dependent) majoring in diesel mechanics (priority) or business.

Scholarships may be awarded to students seeking two- or four-year degrees or post-secondary vocational training.



## Paul W. Zurcher Memorial Scholarship



In order to be considered for this scholarship, students must fill out the Paul Zurcher (Z Fund) Memorial Scholarship Application which is located on the ACCF website. All supplemental materials (proof of association and essay topic) are included within the application.

Due date for the Paul Zurcher (Z Fund) Memorial Scholarship Application: **by 4:00 pm the 4th W., in January**

Note: since all supplemental materials (proof of association and essay topic) are included within the body of the application, they are also due on the 3rd Wednesday in January by 4:00 pm

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 or post-secondary vocational training.