

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; **first Wednesday in February**), students have one additional week to submit their supplemental materials.

ACCF application due date: 1st Wednesday in February by 4:00 pm
Supplemental materials due date: 2nd Wednesday in February 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
 - b. American Legion Post #43 (Decatur)
 - c. American Legion Post #468 (Berne)
 - d. Decatur Volunteer Fire Department
 - e. Meshberger / LICA
 - f. Smith Brothers of Berne / Nick Taylor (requires both proof of association **and** essay)
 - g. Dr. Lee and Family Scholarship (special requirements – see page 4 for add'l info)
 - h. Paul W. Zurcher (Z Fund) - (requires both proof of association **and** essay) + special requirements – see page 4 for add'l info
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:
 - a. Trooper Cory Elson
 - b. Bryan Miller
 - c. Nut Tree Reading
 - d. Smith Brothers of Berne / Nick Taylor (requires both proof of association **and** essay)
 - e. Officer Jerry Wyss
 - f. Paul W. Zurcher (Z Fund) - (requires both proof of association **and** essay) + special requirements – see page 4 for add'l info

All supplemental materials may be submitted on the same day as your application; however, please have them separated from your application. Please paperclip like-essays together. **Reminder: all supplemental materials are due the 2nd Wednesday in February 2019 by 4:00 pm.**

Brief overview of ACCF 2018 Scholarship Opportunities requiring essays:

2019 Essay Topic:

Trooper Cory Elson Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA / SA

Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **6 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 **2nd Wednesday in February** (late essays will not be considered)

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- * 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.

2019 Essay Topic:

Bryan James Miller Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA

Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **6 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 **2nd Wednesday** in **February** (late essays will not be considered)

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 one or more of the key qualities and values admired in **Bryan**. Applicants may choose to address and give examples using one or two of the following qualities/values:

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.

2019 Essay Topic:

Nut Tree Reading Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / SA

Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **6 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 **2nd Wednesday** in **February** (late essays will not be considered)

For example (but not limited to): You may opt to use these suggestions only to springboard into the 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 it relates to the applicant's reading.

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 – max. two pages.

2019 Essay Topic:

Nick Taylor Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA / SA

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

Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **6 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 **2nd Wednesday** in **February** (late essays will not be considered)

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. Applicants may choose to address and give 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.

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. For a completed essay, please address only one or two virtues in your essay.

2019 Essay Topic:

Officer Jerry Wyss Memorial Scholarship

Eligible students: AC / NA / SA

Essay Requirements:

Student must submit **6 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 **2nd Wednesday** in **February** (late essays will not be considered)

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.

Scholarships with Special Requirements / Unique Application Process

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

New in 2017



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.

As this is a new scholarship, the application is still being developed, and it is anticipated that it will be available on the ACCF website beginning the first full week of January 2017.

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

Applicants will show how their lives represents 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.

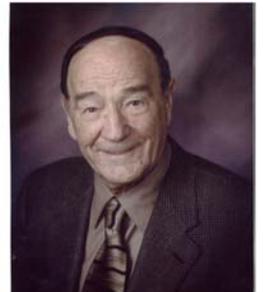
Paul W. Zurcher Memorial Scholarship

New in 2016:

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: **1st Wednesday in February 2017 by 4:00 pm**

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 1st Wednesday in February 2017 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.

June 2018: This is the most updated list.

1. ACCF Application: first Wednesday in February.... only students who have met this requirement may qualify for #2
2. Supplemental materials and Essays due: second Wednesday in February

Thank you for your interest in scholarship opportunities in Adams County, Indiana.