

2011

Scholarship

Awards

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Application

Crawford Area Scholarships, Inc. Scholarship Application

P.O. Box 323
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335
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General Information

Crawford Area Scholarships, Inc., a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation of Meadville, Pennsylvania is pleased to offer scholarship awards to one or more qualifying high school senior students. The number of awards available and the amount of each award will be announced at the beginning of each application period.

It is our hope that the award(s) will help the recipient(s) pursue their academic goals, complete their formal education, and contribute to their efforts to become productive participants in their communities.

2011 Availability

There will be **four (4) one thousand dollar (\$1000.00)** scholarship awards available to Crawford County students graduating in the year 2011.

Eligibility

Any high school senior meeting the following criteria may apply:

- Minimum High School Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.20
GPA requirement is based on a 4.0 scale, counselors are asked to convert students' GPA if calculated on a different scale.
- Acceptance at or intent to attend an accredited technical school or undergraduate college.
- Student must be a graduating senior from a high school located within Crawford County, PA.
- We also ask, the winners of this Scholarship to assist at our main fundraiser, the annual Celebrity Autograph Memorabilia Auction, which is held the first Sunday in June, at the Meadville SERTOMA Club.

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Procedures

APPLICATION: Applications for this scholarship will consist of four (4) parts:

1) Completed application forms.

Forms to apply for this scholarship may be obtained by writing to Crawford Area Scholarships, Inc., PO Box 323, Meadville, PA 16335. Forms will also be available from the High School Guidance Counselor at each of the Crawford County Schools. **Applications will be available in January and must be received no later than April 15th. PLEASE NOTE: Late or incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Do not depend on your Counselor, Principal, Parent or Teachers to send in your scholarship application. It is YOUR responsibility to get it to us BEFORE April 15, 2011.**

2) An essay of 500 – 1000 words must accompany the completed application forms. The topic for the essay will be announced each year at the beginning of the application period. **Essays must be on the assigned topic.**

3) Personal references.

4) Personal statement ***NOTE: Please identify the essay and personal statement.***

APPLICATION PERIOD: To be considered for an award, completed forms and reference letters must be **postmarked no earlier than March 1st and received no later than April 15th.** All appropriate portions of the forms must be **completed** by the applicant and his or her principal or guidance counselor and accompanied by the required essay and reference letters.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. Time deadlines will be strictly enforced. Do not depend on your Counselor, Principal, Parent or Teachers to send in your scholarship application. It is YOUR responsibility to get it to us BEFORE April 15, 2011. Off-topic essays may disqualify the application.

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SELECTION and NOTIFICATION: The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all qualified applications. Scholarship winners will be notified by mail.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applicants will be reviewed with consideration given to:

- Community and other activities
- Honors and awards received
- Extracurricular activities
- Essay content and structure (**off topic essays may disqualify the application**)
- Personal Statement content
- Personal references
- Academic Record
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Financial need will not be considered

PAYMENT: The recipient will be notified by mail. It is the responsibility of the recipient to notify the Scholarship Committee of the College they will be attending. **Awards will be made payable jointly to the recipient and the institution they are attending. The check will be sent to the financial office of that institution.**

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY: The Scholarship Committee will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, or handicap when selecting recipients.

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(PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY)

NOTE: If you do not have 8 pages of application, you do not have the complete application with instructions. Please ask your Counselor to print it in its entirety OR go to www.crawfordscholarships.org to print it in its entirety. Applications must be returned to us no earlier than March 1, 2011 and no later than April 15, 2011.

I, _____, being a Senior at _____ High School, in Crawford County, PA expecting to graduate at the completion of the present term, anticipate continuing my education in college. I expect to begin my further education in the fall following my graduation and have been accepted at or plan to attend the two (2) or four (4) year accredited college or technical school indicated below.

Student's information:

Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____
Home Address: _____

Telephone: _____

By signing below I acknowledge that the information submitted with this application is accurate and that the accompanying essay is an original work of my own composition. I further understand that providing false information on this application will be grounds for disqualification. And, that if such false information is discovered after receiving an award I will be required to repay any amount received. I also agree to allow my name and likeness to be used in the promotion of future fund-raising events sponsored by Crawford Area Scholarships, Inc.

Student's signature: _____

Principal/Counselor's signature:

College/ Technical School of Choice: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

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Telephone: _____

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1. Employment (if you are/were employed please describe your job, your responsibilities, **number of hours worked**, and whether work is during the school term, a summer job, or both.):

2. Extracurricular activities (include **number of hours spent on these activities**): _____

3. Honors and Awards: _____

4. Organizations, and clubs. List years of involvement, offices held, and special achievements. (Also list **approximate hours per week spent with these activities**) _____

5. Community or other activities (please include **number of hours spent on these**): _____

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6. Essay: **(500-1000 words – Please label essay)** must be attached separately. **(Off-topic essays may disqualify application).**

Essay topic for 2011:

What do you consider to be the most important part/ or parts of the Constitution of the United States, and why.

7. Please include a personal statement and on any topic(s) of your choice **50 – 250** words in length. Topics might include information regarding any employment or leisure time activities that you consider important to you. **Please label your personal statement, PERSONAL STATEMENT.**
8. Attach **1 – 3** letters of personal reference from people **(other than your guidance counselor or principal)** who you consider to have been an important influence in your life.

Additional pages may be attached if you require additional space for the information requested. Please indicate which items are on supplemental pages.

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These items to be completed by the applicant's

Principal or Counselor.

Please type or print legibly!

1. College entrance examination score (ACT/SAT)

ACT or SAT (CIRCLE ONE) **Score:** _____

2. Students cumulative grade point average, excluding any grading periods not yet completed: _____

GPA reported is to be based on a 4.0 scale. Please convert other systems and place entry above. Scores *NOT* converted will be disqualified.

3. ***Please attach a copy of the student's transcript. Please also indicate any honor classes or special recognition.*** _____

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