

McHenry County Historical Society

2024 Nancy Fike Scholarship Checklist and Application

INSTRUCTIONS: The application packet must be complete and arranged in the order listed below. All original transcripts, letters of recommendation, and other required documents must be received by MCHS by April 5 in a single package – either in a hard copy or digitally. **Incomplete or nonconforming applications will not be considered.**

ELIGIBILITY: The Nancy Fike Scholarship is open to graduating seniors or first-year college students who have graduated from a McHenry County high school and who are, or plan on, **studying history, education, or the social sciences**. Applicants must have a **minimum GPA of 3.0**. Children and grandchildren of MCHS Board members and staff are not eligible.

CHECKLIST:

- Scholarship application

- Official copy of your seventh-semester high school transcript or latest college transcript.

- List community involvement/volunteer work

- Leadership responsibilities

- Work experience

- Documentation of community service and involvement

- List of extra-curricular activities, honors received and scholastic achievements

- Essay of at least 500 words – Topic:

2024 is a Presidential election year and we are certain to hear further criticism of the Electoral College. Explain how the Electoral College system of voting works and why the Founding Fathers incorporated it into the Constitution. What “problems” have arisen with it in previous elections? Why is it so criticized today and what alternatives to it are proposed? Be sure to state your opinion on this issue. **PLEASE CITE YOUR SOURCES.**

APPLICATION

Name of Student: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Address, City, State, ZIP: _____

Intended major or field of study: _____

College/university (if known): _____

GPA (also class rank and SAT/ACT if known): _____

AWARD PROCEDURES: Applicants will be notified of the Society’s decision by May 3, 2024. The decision regarding the award is conditional until the applicant meets all the following requirements: The applicant must be accepted to or attending a college or university by May 3, and notify MCHS where he or she will attend, as MCHS will pay the scholarship funds directly to the school on behalf of the scholarship winner *after* the successful completion of one semester. The scholarship award must be used for the upcoming school term, barring extraordinary circumstances.

All applicants consent to the use of their name, image, and story for MCHS press releases, presentations, and other materials. All applicants further agree, should they be selected as the winner, to attend one MCHS board meeting for a presentation ceremony as well as to invite a MCHS representative for a presentation at their high school’s honors event. If the conditional scholarship winner does not fulfill the above requirements, MCHS reserves the right to award it to another worthy applicant.

The McHenry County Historical Society does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, sexual conduct or orientation, gender identity/expression, disability, or any other legally protected class under state or federal law when considering scholarship applications.

Date submitted: _____

FOR OFFICIAL MCHS USE ONLY:

Date received: _____

By: _____

DNQ and reason: _____

Please return this completed application to:

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