



**ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
BUCKEYE BROADBAND BCSN SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT FUND
SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH
2016-17 INFORMATION SHEET**

PLEASE READ COMPLETELY BEFORE FILLING OUT THE APPLICATION

PURPOSE

To provide annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors currently attending a school in the Buckeye Broadband Sandusky service area (eligible schools listed on p. 4 of the Application). Applicants should be entering an accredited school of higher education in the United States in the fall of 2017. The Scholar of the Year scholarship recipient may re-apply for three additional years of undergraduate study and will be considered for possible renewal if he/she maintains a 3.0 cumulative GPA and full-time status. Scholarships can be used toward tuition, room and board (on campus), books and fees. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Seven Scholars of the Month will be chosen throughout the academic year, November 2016 through May 2017. Students will be recommended by Guidance Counselors from high schools located in the Buckeye Broadband Sandusky service area. From those recommendations, one student will be chosen by the 22nd of each month by a committee comprised of Erie County Community Foundation representatives. If an applicant does not receive notification that they were chosen Scholar of the Month, he/she may re-apply in subsequent months for consideration. Applications can only be submitted by the Guidance Counselors. Each eligible high school in the Buckeye Broadband Sandusky service area may submit one Scholar of the Month application per month for consideration.

Each Scholar of the Month will receive recognition on Buckeye Broadband channels for the month he/she is chosen the Scholar of the Month. Each Scholar of the Month will also qualify for a minimum of a \$1,000, one-time scholarship (not applicable for the Scholar of the Year).

One finalist, Scholar of the Year, will be chosen from among the Scholar of the Month group in May 2017 by the Erie County Community Foundation Scholarship Advisory Committee. This student will be awarded a minimum \$2,000 per year scholarship, renewable for up to three additional years.

All Scholars of the Month and the Scholar of the Year will be recognized at the BCSN Scholarship Awards Banquet to be held on Thursday evening, May 19, 2017.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Pick up an Information Sheet and Application Form from your High School Guidance Counselor, online at www.eriefoundation.org and www.bcsn.tv, or at one of the following sponsoring companies' locations: Hoty Enterprises, Steinemann Hafner Insurance, Kasper Toyota, Firelands Regional Medical Center, Dewey Furniture, or Buckeye Broadband.
2. Complete a scholarship application form. This includes an extra curricular activities sheet and a one-page essay about your career goals (as noted on Page 2 of the application). The application form **must be signed, dated and submitted by your High School Guidance Counselor** (Page 3 of the application).

3. Obtain:
 - a. Two signed letters of reference from high school teachers, guidance counselors, principal and/or employer; and
 - b. An official copy of your most recent transcript.

4. Only High School Guidance Counselors can submit these materials to: Erie County Community Foundation, Attn.: Elizabeth Maiden, Executive Director, 135 East Washington Row, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870 by **the 15th of the month, October 2016 through April 2017 (or the Friday prior to the 15th if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, with the exception of the November and December deadlines)**. Please note the November and December deadlines are adjusted to accommodate holiday schedules. Those application deadlines are Nov. 10 and Dec. 7, 2016.

Application materials due in Foundation Office by:	For consideration of this month's Student of the Month:
Oct. 15, 2016	November 2016
Nov. 10, 2016	December 2016
Dec. 7, 2016	January 2017
Jan. 15, 2017	February 2017
Feb. 15, 2017	March 2017
Mar. 15, 2017	April 2017
Apr. 15, 2017	May 2017

Please be sure sufficient postage is on the envelope.

BASIS FOR SELECTION

1. The criteria used for selection of Scholar of the Month and Scholar of the Year includes consideration of the following:
 - Scholastic aptitude and prior academic achievement (GPA of 3.0 or above), as demonstrated by your transcript;
 - Individual motivation, ability and potential, as demonstrated by your essay (as noted on Page 2 of the application) and, if selected as a Scholar of the Year finalist, an interview with Erie County Community Foundation's Scholarship Advisory Committee is also required*;
 - Recommendations from those individuals in 3a. above;
 - Financial need;
 - Extra curricular activities such as athletics, clubs, internships, work/study programs, as demonstrated by the attachment noted on Page 2 of the application form.

2. Based upon recommendations from the Erie County Community Foundation Scholarship Advisory Committee, Buckeye Broadband and others, the above-stated criteria may be revised from time to time as deemed appropriate by the Foundation.

3. Employees and dependents of employees of Buckeye Companies are ineligible to apply.

*Interviews will be scheduled for early May 2017. You will be contacted in April 2017 by Erie County Community Foundation if you are selected as a finalist.



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 Scholar of the Month application per month, October through April, for consideration.)*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please print (in black ink) or type all information; if an item does not apply to you, indicate N/A.
2. Mail completed application with attachments as outlined in the accompanying Information Sheet, two letters of recommendation, and an official transcript to: Erie County Community Foundation, Attn: Elizabeth Maiden, Executive Director, 135 East Washington Row, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. Questions can be directed to Elizabeth Maiden at 419.621.9690 or email bethm@eriefoundation.org.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Name of Applicant _____
 (Last) (First) (MI)

2. Social Security # _____ Primary Phone (____) _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

3. Home Address _____
 (Street)

 (City) (State) (Zip) (County)

4. Father's Name/Guardian's Name _____
 Occupation _____
 (Position) (Company)

Mother's Name/Guardian's Name _____
 Occupation _____
 (Position) (Company)

5. Please list persons living in your home (**excluding those above**):

 (Name) (Age) (Name) (Age)

 (Name) (Age) (Name) (Age)

6. High School Information:

(Name of School) (Address) (City/State) (Phone)

Scheduled Graduation Date _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ Last Semester Grade Point Average _____

Composite Scores: ACT _____ or SAT (exclude writing section) _____

7. **Extra curricular activities:** Attach an additional sheet describing your involvement in civic, professional, social or other organizations during high school. Include any athletic programs, clubs, internships, work/study programs or activities in which you have been involved. Include dates when possible. Attach sheet to this application form.

8. **Essay on your career goals:** On a separate sheet, please write an essay, no more than one typed page in length, about your career goals. Explain how your education will help you achieve these goals. In addition, indicate whether you plan to pursue a professional career in the Sandusky area or another geographic location. Attach sheet to this application form.

9. Please list the colleges, universities or other schools to which you have applied or are planning to apply:

10. Please list the colleges, universities or other schools to which you have been accepted:

11. Please list your first choice of college or where you are most likely to pursue your undergraduate study: _____

Do you plan to reside on campus? YES _____ NO _____

At this time, have you received any other scholarships, loans or awards? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, PLEASE LIST (Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

(Source) \$ (Annual Amount)

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Have you applied for any other scholarships, loans or awards? YES _____ NO _____

IF YES, PLEASE LIST (Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

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Do you have any other source of funds available to you (i.e., savings account, insurance policies)?

YES _____ NO _____ IF YES, what amount is available? \$ _____

12. HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL INFORMATION: One criteria for selection for this scholarship is financial need. To determine financial need, please list your family/household gross income (that is, income before taxes and other deductions) and other sources of support including (if applicable): parent/step-parent/guardian income, child support, alimony, etc.

NOTE: IF YOU REACH THE INTERVIEW STAGE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING A COPY OF YOUR PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' LAST INCOME TAX RETURN TO THE INTERVIEW.

(Father/step-father/guardian annual gross wages)

(Mother/step-mother/guardian annual gross wages)

(Annual child support)

(Other income, alimony, etc.)

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I agree, if requested, to provide the Foundation with additional information needed to determine my qualification for this scholarship. If I become a scholarship recipient, and if requested by the Foundation, I agree to furnish reports that can be used to determine my academic progress and use of scholarship funds. Further, I give permission to Erie County Community Foundation to release any pertinent information for publicity purposes.

By making application, students, parents or guardians of the Scholars of the Month grant the Sponsors the right, unless prohibited by law, to use their names, voices, pictures and likenesses, without compensation, for the purpose of advertising and publicizing the scholarship program and all matters related to the scholarship in any medium.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Email _____ Applicant's Phone (Alternate) _____

If applicant is under age 18
Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Please Note: All applications must be signed and submitted by the Guidance Counselor. No applications will be accepted that are mailed directly by the student.

As a high school guidance counselor, I have read these application materials (including the application form, letters of recommendation, extra curricular activities sheet and career goals essay) and believe, to the best of my knowledge, they represent the student making application for this scholarship.

Name *(please print)* _____

Title _____

School _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Guidance Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE NOTE: Employees and dependents of employees of Buckeye Companies are ineligible to apply.

Please attach two letters of reference (as indicated on the scholarship information sheet), an official copy of your high school transcript, an activities sheet (#7 on this application) and essay on your career goals (#8 on this application). Information should be mailed to:

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Attention: Elizabeth Maiden, Executive Director
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BE SURE SUFFICIENT POSTAGE IS ON THE ENVELOPE.

NO FAXES ACCEPTED!

Questions may be directed to Elizabeth Maiden at 419.621.9690 or email bethm@eriefoundation.org.

List of eligible High Schools in the Buckeye Broadband Sandusky service area:

- Edison High School
- Huron High School
- Margaretta High School
- Perkins High School
- Sandusky High School
- Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic High School