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## Scholarship Information and Application

### Selection Procedure:

The ElkhartCares Board of Directors—on an objective, non-discriminatory basis—shall select grantees for scholarship based on the information gathered from the applicant.

### Scholarship Application Checklist:

- \_\_\_ Signature of acceptance of the **Elkhart Cares Scholarship Terms and Conditions**
- \_\_\_ Completion, in its entirety, of the **ElkhartCares Scholarship Application**
- \_\_\_ **Two Letters of Recommendation:** One letter must be from the applicant's current school, either an instructor or advisor, if applicable. The second letter must be from an adult representative of the community, such as a work supervisor, a representative of the applicant's religious congregation, a coach, or a mentor. \*Mailed directly
- \_\_\_ **School Transcripts:** If you are currently a high school student, ElkhartCares will accept an un-official transcript sent directly from a high school guidance counselor. An official copy of your high school transcript(s) is required if you are not currently enrolled in school.
- \_\_\_ **Personal Statement** outlining plans for education, goals, and how the ElkhartCares scholarship will be of benefit if granted (2-4 pages, double-spaced)
- \_\_\_ **Statement of Financial Need** (500 words maximum)
- \_\_\_ **Short Answer Questions**
- \_\_\_ **Proof of income for applicant's household**, by providing a copy of the household's tax return from the previous year

### PLEASE SEND THE COMPLETED MATERIALS TO:

ElkhartCares Scholarship Program  
P.O. Box 537, Elkhart Lake, WI 53020  
or  
info@ElkhartCares.org

## **ElkhartCares Terms and Conditions:**

Each individual awarded a scholarship is required to communicate their acceptance of the scholarship, in writing, to The ElkhartCares Board of Directors, or funds will be re-allocated.

Recipients of the ElkhartCares Scholarship will be required to present The ElkhartCares Board of Directors with their current GPA standing and personal progress report at the end of each term, by sending a copy of their transcript. At the end of each year, an *official transcript* must be sent to The ElkhartCares Board of Directors. In order to secure continued funding, a minimum GPA of 2.0 must be maintained. If there are any concerns from The ElkhartCares Board of Directors regarding the recipient's progress, the recipient may be asked to meet with The ElkhartCares Board of Directors in person.

This scholarship is to be used towards programs that offer a certificate or degree for graduates, upon their completion of their program. High school students looking to complete college credits while in highschool may also apply. Scholarship is contingent on the recipient's grades and progress. If granted, the scholarship funds shall go towards the academic plan stated in the Elkhart Cares Scholarship Application forms. Should a recipient choose to take a different path, the new academic plan must be presented in writing to The ElkhartCares Board of Directors for consideration of continued funding.

The ElkhartCares scholarship shall go towards tuition, books, and/or additional school materials. Tuition funds will be paid directly to the school, and the cost of books and additional school materials shall be formally requested in writing. Recipients may be asked to supply The ElkhartCares Board of Directors with receipts or other documentation stipulating exact costs of materials.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand **the Terms and Conditions for ElkhartCares Scholarships**. I affirm that I plan to pursue an ElkhartCares Scholarship according to those terms. I give my permission to officials of my institution to release transcripts of my academic record and other information requested for consideration of the ElkhartCares Scholarship. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified people who complete their application in full. I waive my right to access letters of recommendation written on my behalf. If selected for the ElkhartCares Scholarship, I agree to the terms set by ElkhartCares.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent residence \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating High School \_\_\_\_\_

**ElkhartCares Scholarship Application**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ affirm that every part of this application is my own work, and that the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent residence \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Graduating High School \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's name and contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Place of registration to vote \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Number and description of college credits earned to date (please include credits even if a degree was not completed or obtained)

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School where college credits were obtained \_\_\_\_\_

Current cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name of desired institution \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred area(s) of study  
\_\_\_\_\_

Degree or certificate expected to receive \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of credits required for completion of expected certificate or degree

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Expected date to receive certificate or degree \_\_\_\_\_

In as much detail as possible, please tell us what obtaining your degree will cost (include tuition, books, and living expenses)

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Do you have plans to be employed while you are in school, and if so, what is your expected income? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the school you are applying for offer scholarships and have you applied to them?

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Have you checked to see if you are eligible for a school loan?

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Have you filled out your FASFA form? Answer: **Yes / No**

If yes, what did your FASFA form determine you are eligible for? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you eligible for grants? Answer: **Yes / No**

If yes, how much grant money were you offered? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you plan to do with your degree once you graduate?

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While you are in school, what other expenses will you be responsible for covering, and how do you plan to cover those costs?

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Are there any entrance exams or tests that you need to take before you can begin your studies?

If so, what is the cost of the exam(s) and when will you complete the exam(s)?

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When is the soonest you are able to start your studies towards your degree (taking the school's calendar and policies, as well as personal needs into account)?

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**In a typed document, please answer the following questions and attach them to this form:**

**Personal Statement**

Please outline your plans for your education, your goals, and how The ElkhartCares Scholarship will be of benefit, financially and for you personally, if it is granted to you. (Double Spaced, 2-4 pages).

**Statement of Financial Need** (500 words maximum)

What is the total amount of income for your household? (This should reflect the income reported on your taxes.)

What are your current expenses?

What is your financial plan while in school?

What kind of contribution can you (or your family) make to your schooling?

**Short Answer Questions**

1. List the secondary school from which you graduated, and all higher education institutions attended.
2. List College and high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.).
3. List public service and community activities (examples: homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.).
4. Have you received any other scholarship(s)? If so, please list them.