



**J. L. Francis Scholarship, First Place Community Fund, a component fund of
The COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of the MAHONING VALLEY**

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET 2016-2017

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION/ REQUIREMENTS

- A. To be eligible, applicants must be attending a **Mahoning County** high school.
- B. The scholarships are granted without regard to sex, race, or creed.
- C. Consideration will be given based on the extended level of involvement in school and community activities and service.
- D. The scholarship funds will be paid from a grant provided by the scholarship foundation directly to the school selected by the student. It will be used first for tuition and fees, and then books. Any remaining money may be used for room, board, etc.
- E. Complete the online application which includes a **Career Essay** – The essay should clearly and completely state your personal strength and relate it to your career goal. Include life experiences that have influenced your future plans. *The essay must be at least 325 words and typed (or pasted) in the required field.*
- F. **In addition to the application, the following must be electronically or regular mail submitted by Friday March 31, 2017:**
 - 1. The signature and initial sheet which is page 2 of this document.
 - 2. One (1) letter of reference from a teacher, counselor, or school administrator.

SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS

The COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of the MAHONING VALLEY - J.L. Francis Scholarship, First Place Community Fund Program will recognize graduating seniors who reflect its philosophy of superior performance and a commitment to school and community involvement. The program will present twenty two, five hundred dollar scholarships to graduating seniors for continuing education.

- A. A scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to:
 - 1. One student from each of the public high schools in Mahoning County.
 - 2. One student from Ursuline High School and one student from Cardinal Mooney High School
 - 3. One vocational student from the MCCTC and Youngstown Choffin.
 - 4. One student from the combined high school graduating classes of all the chartered Christian schools in Mahoning County.
- B. The applicant must have a minimum of 3.0 G.P.A.
- C. After meeting the minimum 3.0 G.P.A., **all applicants will be evaluated based on their participation in school and community activities throughout their high school career.**



TO THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR:

Please complete the check-off box and sign this page along with the student's signature.
Send this sheet and a letter of recommendation either through the mail to

Attention: *Paula Roberts*
Mahoning County Educational Service Center
7320 N. Palmyra Rd.
Canfield, OH 44406

or electronically to p.roberts@mahoningesc.org by the stated deadline.
Only a maximum of 10 applications per school will be accepted.

PLEASE NOTE: Your check-marks, student's GPA and initials in the box below suffices as evidence that the applicant meets the scholarship requirement and therefore does NOT require you to send the student's transcript.

Thank you.

**TO THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR:
2016-2017**
Please complete and initial the
box at the right before submitting.
Thank you.

<p>____ Signatures completed – including yours</p> <p>____ One letter of recommendation</p> <p>____ Transcript checked</p> <p>____ GPA (from current transcript _____)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Counselor's initials: _____</p>
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Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Guidance Signature _____ Date _____

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I. Applicant Evaluation:

A. Applicant must have a minimum of a 3.0 G.P.A.

1. After meeting the minimum 3.0 G.P.A., all applicants will be evaluated based on their participation in school and community activities and a one page essay consisting of a minimum of 325 words.

a. School Activities:

Participation in activity or organization = 2 points for each grade

Holding an office or chairmanship within
the activity or organization = 2 points for each grade

b Community Service (based on level of Involvement).

One time event =1 point for each time

1-5 hours/month =3 points per grade

6 or more hours/month =4 points per grade

B. If two students achieve the same point totals, the student with the highest G.P.A. will receive the scholarship.

II. Scholarship Selection Process:

A. Complete application online and have school counselor submit signature sheet and recommendation letter to the **Mahoning County Educational Service Center**. Paula Roberts, 7320 N. Palmyra Rd., Canfield, OH 44406 or p.roberts@mahoningesc.org by stated deadline.

B. The Mahoning County Educational Service Center will tabulate each student's points.

C. A scholarship committee from the Mahoning County Education Service Center will review and award the scholarships.

D. Selected applicant will be invited to attend a breakfast on Friday May 12, 2017 along with their Superintendent, Principal, School Counselor and parents/guardian.