



**ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
BUCKEYE BROADBAND BCSN SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT FUND  
SCHOLAR OF THE MONTH  
2019-2020 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 2020. 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 2019 through May 2020. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2020 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 in May.

**HOW TO APPLY**

1. Pick up an Information Sheet and Application Form from your High School Guidance Counselor, online at [www.eriefoundation.org](http://www.eriefoundation.org) or at one of the following sponsoring companies' locations: 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, October 2019 through April 2020 (or the Friday prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> if the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, with the exception of the November, December and April deadlines).** Please note the November and December deadlines are adjusted to accommodate holiday schedules. Those application deadlines are Nov. 6 and Dec. 6, 2019. Also the deadline for April is April 6, 2020.

| <b>Application materials due in<br/>Foundation Office by:</b> | <b>For consideration of this month's<br/>Student of the Month:</b> |
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| Oct. 15, 2019   | November 2019  |
| Nov. 6, 2019  | December 2019  |
| Dec. 6, 2019  | January 2020   |
| Jan. 15, 2020   | February 2020  |
| Feb. 15, 2020   | March 2020   |
| Mar. 15, 2020   | April 2020   |
| Apr. 6, 2020  | May 2020   |

**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.

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\*Interviews will be scheduled for late April/early May 2020. You will be contacted in April 2020 by Erie County Community Foundation if you are selected as a finalist.



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 Each eligible high school in the Buckeye Broadband Sandusky service area may submit one  
 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](mailto: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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Source) \$ (Annual Amount)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Source) \$ (Annual Amount)

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  
135 East Washington Row  
Sandusky, OH 44870**

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**NO FAXES ACCEPTED!**

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**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