

## **Plainfield Township Youth Excellence Scholarship Application**

Thank you for applying for a Plainfield Township Youth Excellence Scholarship. Each fiscal year, Plainfield Township offers two \$500 college scholarships and various scholarships for leadership/academic programs (such as People to People or the National Youth Leadership Forum program). Please read the following information carefully. If you have any questions, please email Trustee Matthew C. Starr at [mstarr@plainfield-township.com](mailto:mstarr@plainfield-township.com).

Eligibility for College Scholarship (applications accepted January 1<sup>st</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup> each year):

- Must be a graduating high school senior with a cumulative GPA of at least 4.00 on a 5.00 scale.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Plainfield Township.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, local officials, or business people.
- Must submit official high school transcript.
- Must submit a cover letter and completed application form by specified deadline.
- Must plan to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a Bachelor's degree.

Eligibility for Leadership/Academic Program Scholarship (applications accepted year round):

- Must be a high school student planning to attend and participate in a specified academic program, with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 on a 5.00 scale.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Plainfield Township.
- Must submit official high school transcripts.
- Must provide proof of acceptance into specified academic program.
- Must submit cover letter specifying how participation in program will benefit student and Plainfield Township, and completed application form.

Application Procedures:

- The deadline for this application and all required documents for the college scholarships is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Application must be postmarked by no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Late applications will not be considered.
- Applicant must meet all the eligibility criteria (stated above) before applying.
- All parts of the application must be typed or written in black ink legibly before being submitted.
- The Plainfield Township Scholarship Committee will review all applications, conduct interviews with finalists, and will make its recommendations to the Plainfield Township board. Recommendations for the college scholarships will be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to the large volume of applications, only applicants chosen to receive scholarships will be notified of the decision.

Application Checklist:

- Cover Letter: Student must submit cover letter for either scholarship.
- Application: All parts of the application must be completed, and the applicant must sign and date the application.
- Transcripts: Applicants must submit an official high school transcript indicating most recent academic history.
- Letter(s) of Recommendation: Applicant must submit letter(s) of recommendation (two for college scholarship; one for leadership/academic program scholarship).
- Proof of Acceptance (for leadership/academic program scholarship only). Applicant must submit proof of acceptance into a specified academic program.

***DISCLAIMER: The children/dependents of any Plainfield Township elected official or township-employed staff (including the Assessor's Office and Highway Department) are ineligible to apply for any scholarship funds.***

**Scholarship Applying for (select one):**

- College Scholarship (\$500)
- Leadership/Academic Program Scholarship (various amounts award)

**Personal Background**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (circle one): Male Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen (circle one): Yes No

Plainfield Township Resident (circle one): Yes No *Please note: The Plainfield Township boundaries are 135th Street to the North, Theodore Street to the South, Gaylord Road to the East, and Countyline Road to the West.*

**Academic Background**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA on 5.00 scale: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Program Attending (leadership/academic program scholarship only):  
\_\_\_\_\_

College applicant plans to attend (college scholarship only): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Remember to include your cover letter, transcripts, letter(s) of recommendation, and proof of acceptance (for leadership/academic program scholarship only)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail the completed application and supporting documents to: Plainfield Township, Scholarship Committee, 22525 W. Lockport Street, Plainfield, IL 60544**