Firelands Genealogical Society
(Huron County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society)
Student Scholarship
Spring 2027

Scholarship Overview

The Firelands Genealogical Society is offering one $500.00 scholarship to a graduating high school senior for Spring 2027. Graduating high school seniors who reside within or are attending school within Huron & Erie Counties and are pursuing careers in education, library science, social studies, administrative & computer technology or other genealogy related fields of study may apply for the scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to promote interest in genealogy and family history.

The scholarship guidelines are described below. The scholarship application, essay, recommendation letter, official copy of High School GPA and college/university acceptance letter or proof of enrollment must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2027**.** All forms must be sent to: Firelands Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 923, Norwalk, OH 44857-0923.

Scholarship Guidelines

The applicant must:

1. A. Reside within Huron County or Erie County or
   B. Be a high school student attending a school within Huron County or Erie County

2. Be a graduating high school senior pursuing a career in education, library science, social studies, administrative & computer technology or other genealogy related fields of study

3. Complete the application and essay

4. Submit a letter of recommendation

5. Provide an acceptance letter verifying enrollment in an accredited two or four year college/university or other higher learning institution. If an acceptance letter is not available at the time of submission, another form of proof of enrollment may be substituted.

6. Include an official copy of High School GPA

7. Send the application, essay, recommendation letter, current GPA, and college/university acceptance letter or proof of enrollment to: Firelands Ohio Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 923, Norwalk, OH 44857-0923. The packet must be postmarked on or before February 15, 2027.

Scholarship Essay

The applicant must submit an essay based on the topic listed below. The essay must be 300-500 words, typed, double-spaced with 1" margins. Essays will be evaluated on content, spelling and grammar.

Essay Topic:

Why I chose my career field and how it relates to family history

Recommendation Letter

The applicant must submit a letter of recommendation as part of the application process. The recommendation letter may be written by a teacher, principal, guidance counselor, or program advisor.

College/University Letter

Please submit a letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment from the college/university you plan to attend.

Selection Process

Candidates will be evaluated on the following components:

1. Completion of application requirements
2. Essay
3. Cumulative grade point average or most current GPA.
4. Career related courses taken.
5. Awards, achievements, and other outstanding accomplishments.
6. Extracurricular activities.

The panel of reviewers will be selected by the Firelands Genealogical Society Board. The reviewers reserve the right not to award the scholarship if unable to find a qualified recipient. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee's panel of reviewers are final.

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Please print all information legibly. If additional space is needed, use a separate sheet of paper.

Last name: _____ **First name:**_____

Home address:_____ **Email:**_____

Town/zip code: _____ **Phone:** _____

High school currently attending: _____**Cumulative grade point average:** ___

List the college/university you plan to attend and your chosen major:

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Career related courses taken:

Extracurricular activities:

Awards, achievements, and other outstanding accomplishments:

By signing this form, I swear that all the information above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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