



# Deer Creek - Mackinaw Education Foundation

P.O. Box 621  
Mackinaw, IL 61755

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## DEER CREEK - MACKINAW EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP 2017

### INTRODUCTION

The Deer Creek - Mackinaw Education Foundation (DCMEF) announces the establishment of a scholarship to be awarded annually to two (2) college or university freshmen, one male and one female, who have graduated from Deer Creek - Mackinaw High School.

### AWARD

The DCMEF will award two (2) \$1,000 scholarships, one each, to a male and a female candidate enrolled as a freshman in an accredited two year or four year college or university. The award will be made directly to the college or university by the fall semester of the chosen candidates' freshman year.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed DCMEF Scholarship Application Form, including the signed release allowing the Foundation Board of Directors to review your high school academic records.
2. Submission of an essay. The essay should provide insight to the Foundation Board of Directors into the candidates' character, strengths and educational goals as well as addressing the candidate's growth during their high school career. Further the essay should be typed; double spaced, and not exceed 1000 words in length.
3. Two letters of recommendation from either instructors, employers or any other significant adult in your life, with the exception of family members.
4. Proof of enrollment at a college or university. This shall include a copy of the acceptance letter as well as a copy of your class schedule.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications should be submitted to DCMEF in the year of candidate's graduation from Deer Creek - Mackinaw High School. All application materials must be received no later than March 1st and must be mailed to the Deer Creek - Mackinaw Education Foundation, P.O. Box 621, Mackinaw, IL 61755.

### CRITERIA

The successful candidates will be determined by meeting the following criteria:

- Academic Growth across the candidate's high school career as measured by Grade Point Average (GPA), PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT assessment scores, and class ranking;
- Application/Essay Submission; and,
- Attendance and Punctuality across the candidates' high school career (Note: medical conditions negatively impacting attendance will be taken under consideration).

**APPLICATION SCORING RUBRIC**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Does Not Meet (0 pts)</b>	<b>Meets (1-2 pts)</b>	<b>Exceeds (3-4 pts)</b>
<b>Academic Performance (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No or minimal academic growth from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade as measured by GPA and PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT scores.</li> <li>A decline in class rank from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expected growth as measured by GPA and PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT scores.</li> <li>No measureable growth in class rank from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exceptional growth trending stronger from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade as measured by GPA and PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT scores.</li> <li>Measureable growth in class rank from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>
<b>Application/Essay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides limited, if any, insight into candidate's character, strengths and educational goals.</li> <li>No mention of growth over high school career.</li> <li>Application is poorly written and contains multiple errors in grammar and spelling.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides some insight into candidate's character, strengths and educational goals</li> <li>Growth mentioned, but not significant.</li> <li>Application is typed and doubled spaced but contains limited grammatical and spelling errors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides insight into candidate's character, strengths and educational goals.</li> <li>Significant growth detailed.</li> <li>Application is typed and doubled spaced and is free of grammatical and spelling errors.</li> </ul>
<b>Attendance/Punctuality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An increase in absentees from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> <li>An increase in tardies from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No change in absentees from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> <li>No change in tardies from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A decrease in absentees from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> <li>A decrease in tardies from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> </ul>

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APPLICATION**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid/Scholarship Office Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a graduate of Deer Creek – Mackinaw High School, Mackinaw, Illinois: Yes [  ] No [  ]

I hereby authorize the release of academic and attendance records from Deer Creek – Mackinaw High School, 401 East Fifth Street, Mackinaw, Illinois 61755 to the Deer Creek – Mackinaw Education Foundation Board of Directors, P.O. Box 621, Mackinaw, Illinois 61755. Specific records requested shall include:

- Grade Point Average (GPA);
- Scores from the PSAT 8/9, PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and SAT;
- Class Ranking data for 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and,
- Attendance data (including tardies) for 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

This release will be in full force and effect from the date signed for one calendar year.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

It is my understanding that if selected as a finalist in the award process, that I may be requested to appear for a personal interview prior to the final award being offered. (Candidates initials: \_\_\_\_\_)

Disclaimer: The final decision for the scholarship award will be made at the sole discretion of the Deer Creek - Mackinaw Education Foundation Board of Directors and will be based on a review of the application subject to the stated criteria. As such, an applicant has no guarantee of an award, in full or in part. (Candidates initials: \_\_\_\_\_)