**Arthur E. and Joanne L. Henderson Family Scholarship**

**Introduction**

In the spring of 2008, The Deer Creek-Mackinaw Education Foundation announced the establishment of the ***Arthur E. and Joanne L. Henderson Family Scholarship.*** The $2,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a collegiate junior or senior on or before the 15th day of June each year. The candidate must be a graduate of Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School.

**Award**

The ***Arthur E. and Joanne L. Henderson Family Scholarship*** awards a $4,000 scholarship annually to the successful collegiate junior or senior. The award will be made directly to the college or university and is paid in four equal installments with each installment paid at the beginning of each semester in the last two years of undergraduate studies. The recipient must provide proof of enrollment prior to payment being made.

**Application Requirements**

1. Complete the ***Arthur E. and Joanne L. Henderson Family Scholarship*** Application Form (below).
2. Submission of an essay. The essay should provide insight to the selection committee into the candidates’ character, strengths, community involvement, financial need, employment (if any), and why you have chosen your field of study. The essay should be typed; double spaced, and not exceed two (2) pages in length.
3. Proof of enrollment at a college or university. This shall include an official copy of transcripts of the course work you have taken and a copy of your fall class schedule.
4. Letters of recommendation from any two of the following: instructors, employers, or other prominent individuals familiar with your character, excluding family members.

**Application Deadline**

Applications should be submitted to the ***Arthur E. and Joanne L. Henderson Family Scholarship,*** P.O. Box 621, Mackinaw, Illinois 61755. Applications may also be submitted electronically to dcmef701@gmail.com. All application materials must be received no later than June 1st.

**Criteria**

The successful candidates will be determined by completion of the application and submission of the essay. The applicants must be a graduate of Dee-Mack High School.

**Selection Committee**

The selection committee will consist of the Deer Creek-Mackinaw Education Foundation Board of Directors as well as a representative of the Henderson family. The final decision for the scholarship award will be made at the sole discretion of the selection committee 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.

**Application Scoring Rubric**

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| **Criteria** | **Does Not Meet (0 pts)** | **Meets (1-2 pts)** | **Exceeds (3-4 pts)** |
| **Application/Essay** | * Provides limited, if any, insight into candidate’s character, strengths, financial need and educational goals.
* Application is poorly written and contains multiple errors in grammar and spelling.
 | * Provides some insight into candidate’s character, strengths, financial need and educational goals
* Application is typed and doubled spaced but contains limited grammatical and spelling errors.
 | * Provides insight into candidate’s character, strengths, financial need and educational goals.
* Application is typed and doubled spaced and is free of grammatical and spelling errors.
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**Application Form**

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):

Email Address:

I hereby make application for the Arthur E. and Joanne L. Henderson Family Scholarship to be used at (please provide the name and address of the college or university at which you expect to pursue your degree)

College or University:

Financial Aid/Scholarship Office Street Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

I certify that I am a graduate of a Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School. (Candidates initials: )

Year graduated:

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: )

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Signature of Applicant: Date: