

Essay

Please attach an essay of 500 words or less. Review the criteria of the individual scholarship for which you are applying for any specific essay requirements. You will find specific criteria for each scholarship at the website—www.accfound.org. **Please type the essay question at the top of the page and write your essay below. Failure to do so could disqualify you from scholarship consideration.**

Recommendations

Please submit three recommendations from non-relatives—at least one of whom is a teacher or guidance counselor. One of the three recommendations should come from an individual whose involvement with you is directly related to the criteria for the scholarship chosen. *(Give each person from whom you are requesting a recommendation a copy of the recommendation request form (page 4 of this application) and a stamped envelope addressed to: Scholarship Selection Committee, Armstrong County Community Foundation, 160 North McKean Street, Kittanning, PA 16201.)*

My three recommendations will be requested from (please list each person's title or relationship to you after the name):

1.	
2.	
3.	

Please give this completed application with the essay attached to your guidance counselor No later than **March 10**.

Guidance Counselor: Please complete the area below and forward with a copy of transcripts and a school profile with an explanation of the school grading scale.

Grade Point Average			Class Rank		
SAT Scores:	Math	Critical Thinking	Writing	Total	
Signature of Guidance Counselor:					

Applications, essays, transcripts, and recommendation letters are due at the Armstrong County Community Foundation office by March 15 of each year. Send to:

***Scholarship Committee
Armstrong County Community Foundation
160 N. McKean Street
Kittanning, PA 16201***

Recommendation Request

Armstrong County Community Foundation Scholarship Application

Student: Please complete the information requested below and then give this page to three references who have agreed to write a recommendation in support of your application for an Armstrong County Community Foundation Scholarship. Recommendations are an important part of the selection process.

Student Name: _____

(Optional) I hereby waive whatever rights of access I may have to this confidential recommendation as provided in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Suggestions for recommendation:

The student who has given you this form is applying for a scholarship from the Armstrong County Community Foundation. Your recommendation and comments about this individual are critical to the selection committee.

Please include your complete address, title (if any) or relationship to the applicant, telephone number, and email address. When completed, the recommendation should be mailed to the Scholarship Committee, Armstrong County Community Foundation, 160 N. McKean Street, Kittanning, PA 16201.

Your enthusiasm and comments are of paramount importance to the applicant. We have provided a list of characteristics for your consideration. All topics need not be addressed.

- Personal qualities and challenges
- Overall promise as a student
- Appraisal of the student's commitment to completing their degree
- Career potential
- Knowledge of special achievements or circumstances overcome
- Leadership
- Service to community
- Attitude/Commitment
- Personal management skills
- Communication skills
- Scholastic effort
- Financial need

*This letter of recommendation must be returned to the Armstrong County Community Foundation on or before **March 15** of each year.*

Thank you for taking the time to assist this student in their quest for a scholarship,

Armstrong County Community Foundation
Scholarship Committee