

SPENCER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2011

Available **March 1, 2011** and deadline to turn into Guidance office **March 31, 2011**

This is a common application for many scholarships. Please answer each question to the best of your ability. Some of the questions will bear more weight than others (depending on the scholarship), or may not be applicable for the scholarships for which you are applying.

Carefully examine the criteria and any special instructions for each scholarship. This will help to determine if you meet the scholarship requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: You must provide one complete copy of your application for each scholarship for which you are applying. Make sure you answer and include the attached questions specified for each scholarship. No other application will be accepted except the common scholarship application for the local scholarships through the High School (please be aware that the foundation scholarship application will not be accepted).

Scholarships included with the Spencer Community School Common Scholarship Application

Bethany Lutheran Church Scholarship

Need to attend a Christian affiliated school.

Bill Chambers Memorial Golf Scholarship

Criteria for evaluation 1.) Senior boy who has participated in golf throughout high school. 2.) Student must plan on attending a two or four year college program.

Essay question

Bill Chambers had a lifelong passion for the game of golf. He fostered that love of the game in countless young people through his work with youth golf during the summers but he will be remembered most for his dedication of over 20 years as the Spencer Tigers Boys Golf Coach. In that time the Tigers won 15 Lakes Conference Championships and qualified for the State Tournament on six occasions. Please explain in an essay of approximately 200-300 words how the game of golf impacted your life to this point and do you think there are any lessons that you have learned from the game that will help you as a college student or later in life in your chosen career.

Chris Beck Memorial Scholarship

Student must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater and be enrolled in library science, computer science or computer tech, ect. This scholarship will be available to the graduating class of 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 only.

Essay question

Why did you choose this career?

Daybreaker's Kiwanis Scholarship

Student entering and completing **two-year college program.**

Golden Kiwanis Scholarship

Students who have a 3.0 Cumulative GPA and demonstrate financial need.

Essay question

In two paragraphs, explain how this scholarship would help you achieve your goals.

Hy-Noon Kiwanis Scholarship

Criteria for evaluation include financial need, leadership, academics, and involvement in school and community activities. The Hy-Noon Kiwanis are offering three \$1,000 Scholarships. The Scholarship committee also reserves the right to interview scholarship applicants. **Please include the first page of your SAR.**

Essay question

Provide a 200-word essay about the value of community service in Spencer.

Maurer Manufacturing Scholarship

Students must be planning on enrolling in a two-year college or vocational school and majoring in welding or computer aided drafting. (Preference will be given to those declaring in the welding field.)

Essay question

Write a short paragraph explaining why he/she would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship.

P.E.O. AT, KF, & NV Scholarship

Criteria for evaluation are based on academic achievement and participation in school and community activities. Applicants must be a **female** with a grade point average of **3.4 or above**.

Essay question (not completing the essay question automatically disqualifies a candidate for consideration)

Write a short essay answering the following question: Describe the high school accomplishment of which you are most proud. Explain why. Your essay should focus on something other than maintaining a high GPA.

Spencer After-Five Kiwanis

Criteria for evaluation: high school senior, **active member in Spencer Key Club**.

Spencer Chapter Professional Educators of Iowa Scholarship

Factors of consideration will be character, academic accomplishment, community service, need, and occupational pursuit.

Spencer Education Association Scholarship

Criteria for evaluation include participation in school and community activities and future educational plans. The recipient must be enrolled in an **education-related field**.

Essay question

Indicate the reasons for choosing the institution and program for your post-secondary education.

Spencer Golf & Country Club Ladies Golf Association Scholarship

Must be involved in **girl's golf**. The applicant may be required to meet with the scholarship committee for final selection.

Essay question

The primary goal of the Spencer Golf & Country Club Ladies Golf Association Scholarship is to encourage continuing participation in the sport of golf. Write a short paragraph on what golf means to you and how are you going to pursue it in the future?

Spencer Jaycees Scholarship

Criteria for evaluation include involvement in school and community activities.

Spencer Rotary Club Scholarship

Criteria for evaluation include leadership, academics, and involvement in school and community activities, service, and financial need. The Rotary Club Scholarship committee also reserves the right to interview scholarship applicants and to consult listed references.

Essay question

Write a short paragraph stating how you plan to utilize your higher education to serve others.

Spencer Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship

Criteria for evaluation are based on 1.) yearly participation. 2.) musical leadership 3.) vocal music accomplishments.

The student must be an active member of the SHS Vocal Music Program for the current school year.

Essay question

1. Please list all choir participation (Small group/Solo contests, helped file music, tried out for All-State, solos, pops concert...). Include freshman through senior years.
2. Please list all leadership you have taken on for the choir (from being an officer to just trying to set a good example to younger students). Include freshman through senior years.
3. How do you see yourself using your vocal music talent in the future? Please answer in essay form.

Tecton Employee's Scholarship

The primary goal of the Tecton Employee's Scholarship Fund is to provide monies towards furthering your educational experiences in the fields of business, manufacturing, and/or entrepreneurial enterprises. Recipients of the scholarship are required to make an oral presentation to the Tecton Employee's Scholarship Committee and a Spencer High School Industrial Technology course during their first year of college. It will be awarded to one student in the amount of \$2,000 to be paid directly to the college during the 2nd Semester of their freshman year.

Essay question

Write a short essay answering the following questions:

1. Describe how this scholarship would allow you to pursue your future goals.
2. How would this scholarship and your future education help in bettering our community?

Women of Today Scholarship

Criteria for evaluation include participation in school and community activities.

Essay question

Our creed states that we are dedicated to serving our community and nation, committed to strengthening our individual talents, united in friendship and a belief in the future. As a recipient of this scholarship, how will you work to achieve these goals? Please respond with 150 or more words.

Other local scholarships not included with the common application.

Applications are available in the guidance office. Those wishing to use their own application include:

✓ **Evening Shade Masonic Lodge Scholarship**

✓ **Eastern Star Masonic Lodge Scholarship**

✓ **Clay County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship**

Must be a member of the Clay County Cattlemen's Association or whose parents are members of the Clay County Cattlemen's Association.

✓ **Iowa Soybean Association**

Recipient must show scholastic achievement, community leadership, other achievements and interests, have current involvement with FFA, 4-H, etc. Scholarship is open to high school seniors who are Iowa residents and plan on attending any ag-related college or university. Stronger preference to students with parents or grandparents who are policy dues paying members of Iowa Soybean Association.

✓ **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International For Women in Education – Iowa Chi Chapter**

Awarded to a deserving high school senior who plans to major in education. Application deadline is **March 15, 2011**.

✓ **Clay County Pork Producers Scholarship**

Criteria for evaluation are as follows:

- The student must be a resident of Clay County and a high school senior.
- The parents of the applicant must have been a producer member of the Clay County Pork Producers and actively engaged in pork production for the last two consecutive years as well as a current producer member.
- The applicant must participate in an interview by the Clay County Pork Producers Board of Directors during the regular April month meeting.
- Two letters of recommendation must accompany the scholarship application
- A senior picture should accompany this application.
- Please return application by **March 18, 2011** to:

✓ **Spencer Community Theatre Scholarship**

Applicant must be active in theatre arts including theatre, speech, communications, film, etc. during his/her high school career as a cast member and/or part of a technical crew. Application deadline is April 15, 2011.

**SPENCER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Applicant's name:

Address:

Phone number:

Father's name and occupation:

Mother's name and occupation:

Siblings in family:

Siblings presently attending college:

CONTINUED SCHOOLING:

Name of institution in which applicant plans to enroll:

Has application been made?

Have you been accepted?

Anticipated course of study:

ACADEMIC RECORD:

Grade point average:

If ACT test taken, what was your composite score?

If SAT test taken, what was your composite score?

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

List your participation in school activities such as drama, speech, sports, music, clubs, student government, etc., and the grades during which you participated. List any leadership positions held in those activities and the grades that you were in when the positions were held.

SPECIAL HONORS OR RECOGNITION:

List any honors, awards, or recognition received during school that are not in other sections.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Describe the ways in which you, as a volunteer, have been of service to your community in general and/or to certain people in your community in particular. This service may have been performed as a member of an organization and/or on your own as an individual. Indicate any leadership roles you may have had in this area. Describe any special circumstances, which may have limited your participation in community service.

JOB EXPERIENCE:

Outline any outside jobs held in the past four years.

NEED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Indicate how you plan to finance your post-secondary education (i.e. family, personal earnings, grants, scholarships, and/or loans). If you desire, relate any special circumstances, which have a direct bearing on your need for financial assistance. This may be very helpful as financial need may play a significant role in determining who receives the scholarships. If the criteria for a scholarship includes financial need, you may also want to attach a copy of the first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR) from your financial aid application (make sure your name is printed on the page, hand written names will not be accepted).

PERSONAL ESSAY:

Write about yourself, your home and family, and future educational and vocational plans in a way that will provide the best picture of you as an individual. Do not include information requested in other sections of the application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Please provide three letters of recommendation from employers, teachers, school counselors, or an adult who can demonstrate why you are worthy of receiving this scholarship. Letters of recommendation must be signed. (No Friends or Family members, please.)

I understand that in the event I am awarded a full-ride scholarship (tuition and room and board) to the college I will attend, I will notify the Spencer High School Guidance office so that another student may receive that scholarship.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____