

## CITY OF WHITING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR 2024

Students who are dependents of a Whiting owner-occupied home, please keep in mind that the deadline is drawing near to apply for the 2024 City of Whiting Scholarship and the 2024 City of Whiting Technical Education Scholarship.

**The deadline for turning in completed applications to City Hall is 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.** Copies of the applications are available in the Mayor's office or online at:

[http://www.whitingindiana.com/intranet/Applications\\_and\\_Forms/Scholarship\\_Application\\_2024.pdf](http://www.whitingindiana.com/intranet/Applications_and_Forms/Scholarship_Application_2024.pdf)

[http://www.whitingindiana.com/intranet/Applications\\_and\\_Forms/Scholarship\\_Technical\\_Application\\_2024.pdf](http://www.whitingindiana.com/intranet/Applications_and_Forms/Scholarship_Technical_Application_2024.pdf)

In order to qualify for the original scholarship, applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, be the dependent of a Whiting homeowner who occupies that home and attend a regionally accredited institution of higher learning. This year up to four scholarships may be awarded and the value of the scholarship for the Class of 2024 will be \$6,250 per academic year for a total award of \$25,000 over four years.

For the 2024 graduates, there is also The Ronald F. Plewniak Scholarship that has been endowed for an eligible applicant who is pursuing a degree in Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering or Technology (from ACT-Defined STEM majors in these categories). This scholarship was originally limited to an engineering degree, but the degree eligibility has been expanded by the family. Winners of the Ronald F. Plewniak Scholarship must also maintain a STEM-related major for the entire four years of the award and provide documentation of major from the university or college which is to be submitted with the transcript. The amount of the award is the same as listed above.

Ron graduated from Whiting High School in 1965 and then obtained an Electrical Engineering degree from Purdue University, West Lafayette. He worked his entire career at Inland Steel and was highly respected as the go-to guy to solve complex problems. The goal of Ron and his family with this scholarship is to help a Whiting resident get a good start on a rewarding career.

Also available is the City of Whiting Technical Education Scholarship for those who wish to pursue courses of study at technical or vocational schools. This year one scholarship may be awarded with a value of \$3,000 per year for a two year award totaling \$6,000. In order to qualify for this scholarship, the student should have either pursued a technical education curriculum while in high school with a minimum GPA in technical courses of 2.5 or have a minimum GPA of 2.8, be the dependent of a Whiting homeowner who occupies that home and attend a regionally accredited technical education institution.

A five member committee will review the applications based on scholastic achievement, involvement and leadership activities within the school, and involvement and leadership within the community. The submittal requires an application, signed media release, senior photograph, current transcript and class rank (including SAT/ACT scores) and three letters of recommendation from

individuals associated with the activities in which the student has participated. At least one letter of recommendation must come from an individual who is not affiliated with the student's school system. We urge students to make sure the application is completed in its entirety and all attachments are included.

This scholarship is a great opportunity for a student who has excelled both inside and outside the classroom. It is not based on economic need but rather on the leadership and community involvement which the student has displayed. Past recipients include Haleigh Suarez, Ryan Willoughby, Katherine Staley, Aldo Lopez, Megan Kazmierski, Elizabeth Murzyn, Julianne Stribiak, Jonathan Dietz, James Staley, Caleb Strabavy, Elliot Bibat, Desiree Kristek, Brianna Scivinsky, Danielle Mantich, Erin Mahony, Elena Sobilo, Alivia Jakubowski, Nolan Michniewicz, Alexandra Danielides, Diana Lopez, Nina Mantich, Margaret Mills-Groninger, Emily Canning, David Gormley, Guadalupe Ruiz, Mary Lowry, Amanda Bonchik, Rana Hamad, Timothy Lowe, Julianna Scivinsky, Sara Mantich, Carlos Gonzalez, Ethan Harbin, Nicole Jovceski, Julia Ramirez, Hayden Shimala, Abbey Haynes, Angelica Jovceski,, Olivia Olson, Dominic Harbin, Anya Haynes, Julia Morando, Alexander Smith, Brianna Atteberry, Emily Greer and Julia Olson. Jeremiah Allard was the 1<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Ronald F. Plewniak Scholarship in 2023. Past recipients of the Technical Scholarship include Edgar Mendez and Jacob Pick.

For further information contact City Hall at (219)659-7700.