



Scholarship Purpose

The *You Can Count on Me* scholarship program is designed to recognize high school seniors who have a desire to pursue post-secondary education and/or training. Each Spring, ten students are chosen to receive a \$2,500 scholarship. Additionally, a donation of \$250 will be made to the teacher each recipient wishes to recognize.

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial support for students who have demonstrated a strong work ethic and who wish to pursue opportunities to better themselves through college courses and/or post-secondary training programs. Emphasis is placed on students who demonstrate that they can be truly "counted on" by their family, in their community, and in their schools..

The statement, *You Can Count on Me* serves as the overarching theme of this program. While academic success will be a consideration for these scholarships, it is not the primary consideration behind the selection process. This program seeks to reward and support students who have a "can do" attitude. Additional consideration is given to applicants who demonstrate a significant financial need, specifically, those students who might otherwise miss out on post-secondary opportunities due to financial limitations.

Applicants' personal narratives weigh heavily in the selection process. Additionally, recommendations from teachers, employers, community members, clergy, and the like are important factors for consideration.

Scholarship Eligibility

Any high school senior who is currently enrolled in a public, private, or home school and resides in Montgomery, Warren, or Greene County, or attends Miami Valley Career Technology Center or any other vocational schools in these three counties may apply. Additional criteria for eligibility include:

- The applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater at the time of application and through graduation.
- The applicant must graduate in the 2021 academic year.
- The applicant must be in good disciplinary standing with the school of enrollment at the time of graduation.
- The applicant must enroll in a post-secondary education or training program beginning no later than October 1st following graduation. Examples of post-secondary education and training programs include:
 - A community college
 - A 4-year college
 - A trade or technical school
 - A program which culminates in the award of a State-recognized licensure
- Students must remain in good ethical standing within their schools and communities. Scholarships may be denied or withdrawn should the recipient conduct himself/herself in a manner deemed unethical or illegal by the school district or community.

Application Process

Interested candidates should complete the online scholarship application which can be found at www.YouCanCountOnMe.org. Recommendations must be submitted with the application. Recommendations must be in an electronic format. For example, a word processing document, a .PDF file, an audio file, a video file, etc. Applications must be submitted between September 1st and January 31st. Once submitted, the application will be reviewed for completion and provided to the scholarship committee. The committee will then review applications and identify scholarship recipients.