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Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Criteria and Application

The Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) will award one graduating senior of Buffalo High School a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. The selected recipient must meet the scholarship criteria and fully complete the application provided. The successful candidate, selected by the chamber's scholarship committee, will be a stand-out among their peers of the outstanding characteristics the BACC has determined for the scholarship recipient.

Scholarship Amount

\$2,500

Criteria

1. Be a graduating senior of Buffalo High School.
2. Be a student employee, or have a parent/guardian employed by a current (good-standing) BACC member. To view a listing of all BACC members, go to the website at www.buffalochamber.org and click on Chamber Members.
3. Has applied or been accepted to a post-high school education or training program (career or business school, technical college, community college or four-year college).
4. Student must use the scholarship for continuing education.
5. Finalist must be able to meet the scholarship selection committee for a personal interview.

Application

1. Neatly complete the application provided.
2. Provide detailed answers to essay questions on the application form. This should be typed on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the application.
3. Finalists in the application process will be contacted and asked to come in for an interview with the scholarship committee on May 4 or 5, 2009.

The application can be found as an interactive PDF file on the BACC website at www.buffalochamber.org, click on Chamber BHS Scholarship under the Chamber Information tab. The PDF was also emailed to all chamber members in the Member Brief Bytes e-newsletter. A paper copy of the application can also be obtained from the Buffalo High School Counselor's Office or at the BACC Office. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Neatness and organization of information counts!

Deadline

The application and supporting materials are due by Friday, April 24, 2009. Completed materials can be returned to the Buffalo High School Counselor's Office or to the BACC: 205 Central Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313. Finalist interviews will be conducted on May 4 or 5, 2009.

Award Presentation

Once the scholarship recipient has been selected, the successful candidate will be contacted by the BACC President. The student and parents will be invited to the Nick Miller Academic Luncheon, Thursday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m., where he/she will be recognized. The student will be presented with a scholarship certificate and will be asked to recognize his/her parents and their chamber business, along with the announcement of the school and field of study intended for the fall. The actual scholarship funds will be released after the first term or semester of the post-secondary school is completed.

Scholarship Committee

The BACC Scholarship Committee will consist of chamber members who do not have an employee's child submitting an application for consideration. The committee will review the applications and conduct interviews with the selected finalists. The committee members reserve the right of judgment concerning the selection process and the granting of the scholarship award.

Please remove and retain this cover sheet, and a copy of this application and all supporting materials for your own records.



2008-09 Scholarship Application

Interactive online application can be found at www.buffalochamber.org.
Due: Friday, April 24, 2009

Applicant Information

Please print neatly or type. To type in the PDF, click in the open spaces below to activate the fields. Tab after each entry to move automatically to the next field.

Name		
Address		City, State, Zip Code
Phone	Alternate Phone	Email
Date of Birth		High School Graduation Date
Parent(s) or Guardian(s)		Relationship
Address (if different from applicant)		City, State, Zip Code
Phone (if different from applicant)	Alt. Phone (if different from applicant)	Email
Chamber Member Business Name		Occupation

Applicant Signature

If completing the PDF on a computer, you will need to print the entire application to submit. Remember to include the information and appropriate signatures below.

I understand that this application must be completed in full by the due date in order to be considered. I certify that the information that I have listed is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide, if requested, any other data necessary to verify such information. I authorize Buffalo High School to release to the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee, any information requested by such person pertinent to this award (i.e. high school transcript, enrollment status, current address, academic grades achieved, etc.). I affirm that any funds obtained, as a result of this application, will be used solely for the expenses related to attendance at a post-secondary institution.

Applicant Signature	Date
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature	Date
Buffalo High School Counselor Signature	Date
To be completed by Buffalo High School Counselor	
Student Rank: _____ Class Size: _____ GPA: _____	

Complete the application by Friday, April 24, 2009 and return it to the Buffalo High School Counselor's Office, or return it to:

Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce
205 Central Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

If you have questions about the scholarship or application please call the Buffalo Area Chamber Office at 763-682-4902. Scholarship finalists will be contacted and asked to come in for an interview May 4 or 5, 2009.

Student Activities/Athletics*Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*

<i>Activities/Athletics in School (Completed During Grades 9-12)</i>	<i>Date/Year of Participation</i>

Honors, Awards or Leadership*Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*

<i>Honors, Awards or Leadership Positions Held (During Grades 9-12)</i>	<i>Date/Year of Participation</i>

References

Please list two references who can speak to your character and ambitions. You must list one for each of the following requested, and the individual should not be related to you (e.g. aunt, uncle, grandparent, sibling).

<i>Teacher or Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District Employee</i>	<i>Phone</i>
<i>Business or Community Resident in Buffalo, Hanover or Montrose</i>	<i>Phone</i>

Essay Questions*Please use a separate sheet of paper.*

Please provide short answers to the following essay questions with as much detail as possible. All three responses should fit on a total of two pages (single spaced, 11-12 point type).

1. What is the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce and what role does it play in our community?
2. What is your personal vision for your future and why are you interested in the business field of study you chose?
3. After graduation, how do you plan to give back to the community in which you will be living?