

History of the Foundation

The Selma J. Hartke Community Foundation was organized in January 2001 to act as a community foundation for the greater Litchfield community. Selma J. Hartke was a lifetime resident of Litchfield, Illinois, and devoted her life to helping other people. The Foundation seeks to carry out her wishes through the establishment of The Selma J. Hartke Scholarships.

The Scholarship

The Board of Directors' goal is to assist deserving high school graduates in Macoupin and Montgomery Counties who want to continue their education.

The Board of Directors selects each scholar and determines the amount of the scholarship after a review of the student's application and a personal interview.

The amount of the scholarship is based upon the Board's analysis of the student's financial circumstances, merit, and promise of success. In making their determination, the primary concern is the financial ability of the student to pay for his or her education. The total amount of a scholarship shall not exceed 50% of the anticipated annual expenses, including tuition, room and board, fees, and related expenses, for the school the student has chosen.

All awards will be paid directly to a qualified school selected by the applicant. Any community college, college, university, or trade school that is accredited by a recognized and reputable accreditation organization, maintains a regular faculty and curriculum, and has a regularly enrolled student body in attendance will be considered a qualified school. Special consideration shall be given to those students pursuing a career in agriculture or religious studies.

The scholarship will be renewable without further application, semester by semester, for a period equal to the normal completion of the applicable course of study. The scholarship may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, be transferable to another school. In order to be eligible for scholarship renewal, the scholarship recipient must maintain a satisfactory grade point average at his or her chosen school.

Application Procedure

Return application to: Hillsboro High School Counseling Office

Please review your application to ensure that it is completed in its entirety.

The deadline for application is _____.
(write due date here)

**THE SELMA J. HARTKE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Please review the "History of the Foundation" prior to completing this Application.

*If the applicant has completed the government form
"Free Application for Federal Student Aid," attach the form to this Application.*

Name of applicant:

Social security number:

Age:

Phone: ()

Home address:

City:

Zip code:

Number of years in Montgomery or Macoupin County:

Father's name and address:

Mother's name and address:

Father's occupation (or Guardian's):

Annual salary:

Mother's occupation

Annual salary:

Family income from all sources after income tax:

Number of dependents:

Mother:

Father:

Children:

Unusual demands on family income, if any:

High school from which graduated:

Grade point average:

Size of class:

Rank in class:

High school honors and awards:

ACT/SAT score:

No. hours/week working or in extracurricular, church, and community activities while attending high school:

Important high school activities and offices held:

What school do you plan to attend?

Estimated annual cost of school of your choice: Tuition and fees: _____
Room and board: _____ Other expenses: _____ Total: _____

What other scholarships and financial aid are you seeking? (note whether pending, rejected, or approved [amount])

PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR APPLICATION A SHORT ESSAY (300-500 WORDS) DESCRIBING YOURSELF.

Date: _____ Applicant signature: _____

Parent(s) signature(s): _____

Please attach a transcript of your high school record and/or if your are currently in college, a copy of your current college transcript.

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Instructions for Applying for a scholarship from The Selma J. Hartke Community foundation

- First Step:** Read and review the statement describing the history of the scholarship program and the guidelines used by the Board of Directors to award a scholarship. Pay careful attention to the guidelines while you are filling out the application and writing the short essay.
- Second Step:** Go on the internet and find the form entitled "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA). With the assistance of your parents or guardians complete the form and submit it in a timely manner to the U.S. Department of Education. The web page for the form is www.fafsa.ed.gov/.
- Third Step:** Carefully read over the application and thoroughly answer each of the questions, especially those about your financial situation. After completing the application, write a short essay (300-500 words) which describes your goals and ambitions.
- Fourth Step:** The final step is to submit to the foundation your completed application with the essay attached, your high school transcript and if you are currently in college, a copy of your current college transcript, and your FAFSA and any response thereto.

These items should be delivered to :

Hillsboro counseling office by February 19, 2010