

Mayor and Mrs. Charles D. Hitchborn Scholarship

The *Mayor and Mrs. Charles D. Hitchborn Scholarship* has been endowed by a contribution from Charles “Chuck” and Joan Hitchborn, and is being administered through the Smithville R-II School District Foundation. The purpose of the *Mayor and Mrs. Charles D. Hitchborn Scholarship* is to provide financial assistance to a graduating senior from Smithville High School who plans to major in **Public Administration or Political Science and/or enter into a career of public service.**

Scholarship Availability: The *Mayor and Mrs. Charles D. Hitchborn Scholarship* will be awarded each year to a graduating Smithville High School student who meets scholarship qualifications. If no students qualify and/or apply for the scholarship during any academic year, no scholarship will be awarded.

Qualifications for the Mayor and Mrs. Charles D. Hitchborn Scholarship are as follows:

1. The applicant must be 12th Grade student who is on schedule to graduate from Smithville High School;
2. The applicant must have earned at least a “C” average (2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale) in all course work through the first seven (7) semesters of high school.
3. The applicant must, in the opinion of the selection committee, have significant potential to be successful in public service;
4. The applicant must plan to enroll and pursue a Bachelors Degree in the field of **Public Administration or Political Science** at any College or University **and/or plan to enter into a career of elected public service following post-secondary studies.**
5. The applicant must submit two letters of support with the scholarship application, one submitted letter of support must be from a current or former Public Administrator/Public Servant or elected public official.
6. The applicant must submit an official transcript with the scholarship application.

Scholarship Amount: The *Mayor and Mrs. Charles D. Hitchborn Scholarship* will be renewable for four academic years. The four years of eligibility do not have to be consecutive school years, though funding for an individual will end within six (6) years of the granting of the scholarship. The amount of the scholarship is \$2000 for the freshman or first year of college attendance and sophomore, junior, and senior years of college \$1,000, or a maximum of \$5,000 per student for the duration of the scholarship. A scholarship recipient must provide documentation each year that he or she is satisfactorily pursuing a university major described in qualification #4 above to the Smithville Foundation treasurer.

Selection Process: A selection committee consisting of the Superintendent of Schools and Assistant Superintendents of Schools will review all applications based the applicant’s application and potential in Public Administration and/or Public Service, a single application will recommended to the Smithville R-II Foundation Board for final approval. The recipient of *Mayor and Mrs. Charles D. Hitchborn Scholarship* will be announced at the spring senior awards ceremony.

Deadline: The deadline for the submission of applications for 2023 graduates is **Monday, March 25, 2024.** All application materials should be submitted to your building counselor by that date for consideration.

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(Return to your building counselor by March 24, 2024)

Please Type or Print Legibly

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Social Security Number _____ / _____ / _____

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER PLANS

College or University at which you have been accepted and plan to attend:

Anticipated major field of study at the above college or university:

In the space below, briefly describe why you selected this college/university and describe the process you went through to make this determination:

Academic Information (Please Attach an Official Transcript for Verification)

Grade Point Average for all coursework through the first seven (7) semesters of high school: _____ / 4.0

Class Rank _____ in a class of _____

College entrance examination score (ACT or SAT) please circle type of examination taken

ACT Composite score _____

Or

SAT Combined score _____

Financial Need

In the space provided please indicate your family's adjusted gross income from last year's tax return.

Gross Income from last year's tax return

_____ under \$25,000 _____ \$60,001 to \$80,000

_____ \$25,001 to \$40,000 _____ \$80,001 to \$100,000

_____ \$40,001 to \$60,000 _____ over \$100,001

Total number of family members living at home: _____

Number of dependents in your parent's family including yourself: _____

Estimated annual amount to be contributed by the family towards post-secondary education (excluding the applicant for this scholarship): _____

Children _____ Ages: _____ # Attending College: _____

Other financial considerations which need to be noted:

Extracurricular Activities: Organizations and Clubs (Show dates/years of involvement also, please indicate any office held)

Honors and Awards:

Volunteer or Community Activities or other Activities:

Work Activities – Are you now employed? _____ Yes No _____

If yes, what type of work and how many hours per week do you work? _____

Describe your work activities and responsibilities:

Short Answer (50 words or less in your own handwriting)

Discuss an attribute or accomplishment that sets you apart from others. How has it shaped you and what you believe in?

Why do you want to get a college education?

Essay

The essay should discuss your interest in Public Service, your anticipated major area of study and area of specialization, the occupation you proposes to pursue after graduation, your long term goals and how you hope to achieve them. The essay may also include any other information that is relevant to your career plans. The essay should be typewritten or computer-printed essay of no more than 500 words, doubled spaced. You essay should contain a clearly stated objective, have clarity of expression, and logical consistency, and should be free of error.

Effective municipalities are structured and strengthened by positive public administration techniques. Why is this important, and in your opinion, how can this best be achieved?