

DECATUR FOUNDRY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES

Name: Decatur Foundry, Inc. Scholarship Fund.

Purpose: To provide a source of higher education scholarship funding for eligible and qualified individuals who are an eligible immediate family member of Decatur Foundry, Inc. employee.

Eligibility: Any person, who at the date of application, is an eligible "immediate family member" of a full or part-time Decatur Foundry, Inc. employee. An eligible "immediate family member" shall be defined as a son, step-son, daughter, step-daughter, grandson, step-grandson, granddaughter, or step-granddaughter, or any child dependent of such Decatur Foundry, Inc. employee. Previous recipients may apply to renew or otherwise qualify multiple years as a scholarship recipient.

Frequency of Award: Annually, however, the Foundation reserves the right not to award scholarships if a qualified candidate does not apply.

Number of Recipients: In such number and frequency as the Foundation determines, up to a maximum of five \$1,000.00 scholarships annually.

Selection Criteria: (1) Any eligible individual who desires to further their education beyond high school, and who enrolls at, and attends any college, junior college, university, technical school or other institution of higher learning, whether public or private, undergraduate or graduate study; and

(2) Has demonstrated, or otherwise exhibits strong potential, for excellence in academic achievement, mechanical, or leadership abilities; and

(3) Special consideration shall be given to applicants who intend, as confirmed by their conduct, to major or otherwise concentrate their education in metallurgy, industrial safety, or other curriculums qualifying the individual for employment in the foundry industry.

Selection Committee: Foundation Board of Directors, however, the Board of Directors or an impartial committee designated by the Board of Directors of Decatur Foundry, Inc. may provide non-binding and solely advisory advice or written recommendations to the Foundation Board.

Selection Procedure: The Foundation will carefully consider the applications, using any method of selection they desire as long as it encompasses the selection criteria set forth above.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by the Foundation on or before March 1 each year.

Application Process: Applications shall be on a form available from Decatur Foundry, Inc. or the Foundation and shall be submitted to:

The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County
125 North Water Street., Suite 200
Decatur, IL 62523

Notification of Recipients: A scholarship recipient shall be notified by May 1 of the year of award.

Award of Scholarship: The Foundation shall award the scholarship, however, a representative of Decatur Foundry, Inc., as designated by its Board of Directors, may join in the ceremonial process of awarding the scholarship to any recipient at events such as high school graduation ceremonies, or other public or private proceedings recognizing any recipient of a scholarship from the Fund.

Use of Funds: Scholarship awards may be used toward payment of tuition, room, board, books and related educational expenses.

Distribution of Funds: Scholarship awards may be paid directly to the student's school, after the student has confirmed his/her enrollment. Payment may be made directly to the student, as reimbursement for such expenses, but only after submission of receipts satisfactory to the Foundation.

For Questions: Contact the Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County, telephone: (217) 429-3000; fax (217) 429-3001; website: www.endowdecatur.org.

DECATUR FOUNDRY, INC. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To the Applicant: J. L. Johnson, with the faithful support of his wife, Lillie, and a limited sixth grade education, in 1936 at the age of 51 sold five pigs, borrowed \$10.00 and founded J. L. Johnson & Sons foundry at South Franklin and Decatur Streets, Decatur, Illinois. He later built a foundry at North Jasper Street, Decatur, purchased and moved into the former Decatur Brick Yards (now the present Decatur Foundry site), bought Decatur Foundry, Inc. in 1949 and merged the two companies, retaining the Decatur Foundry, Inc. name. Although J. L. Johnson had limited schooling, he knew the value of an education and established a trust fund to help educate his 37 grandchildren. Several of his grandchildren now serve in various employment positions in the current foundry business to help ensure success of the company he laid the foundation for years ago. By establishing this Scholarship Fund, Decatur Foundry, Inc. strives to continue to provide continued reality to the dream of J. L. Johnson in a manner likely to foster or advance continuing education opportunities for eligible immediate family members of Decatur Foundry, Inc. employees.

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Application Process: Submit this Application, along with all applicable attachments, to:

The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County
125 North Water Street., Suite 200
Decatur, IL 62523

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Date or birth (mm/dd/yy): ___/___/___.

Address of Applicant: _____
Street City State Zip Code

If Applicant is an immediate family member of an individual employed at Decatur Foundry, Inc. at the time of application, the name of such Decatur Foundry, Inc. employee is: _____

Applicant Home Phone: _____

High School from which Applicant graduated: _____.

Year graduated High School: _____

High School Phone: _____

Applicant's class rank: _____ Number in graduating class: _____

Applicant's grade point average: _____ (attach a grade transcript)

ACT and/or SAT scores: _____ (attach proof of such scores)

will qualify you for employment in the foundry industry. If not, state your intended major or concentration of study and the nature of employment you desire to undertake in connection with such further education. Include in your explanation your current short and long-term career goals. Please limit your response in this paragraph to 250 words or less.

5. If you are a graduating high school senior or currently attend or have within the last three years attended any institution of higher learning, attach a letter of recommendation from one of your instructors.
6. Attach one personal letter of recommendation.

I attest that all information that has been submitted is truthful. I also grant permission to the Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County to verify any information submitted in this Application pursuant to further inquiry to any third party providing information contained in this Application.

Signature

(Applicant's printed full name)

Date: _____