

TOWN OF JARRATT DARE TO DREAM
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2020 APPLICATION

APPLICATION DUE DATE: MAY 10, 2020

THE TOWN OF JARRATT
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The objective of the Town of Jarratt's Dare to Dream Scholarship is to give deserving young people the future means to continue their education. This non-renewable scholarship is awarded to high school seniors residing in the Town of Jarratt. There will be (2) two scholarships of \$500.00 each awarded; (1) one to a Town of Jarratt high school senior residing on the Greenville County side of Jarratt and (1) one to a Town of Jarratt high school senior residing on the Sussex County side of Jarratt. If there are no applicants from (1) one of the counties, those funds will roll over to the next year and the winning applicant will receive \$1,000.00.

Who is an eligible applicant for the Town of Jarratt Dare to Dream Scholarship?

Any current high school senior meeting the following qualifications.

- Enrolled in a public or private secondary school, including home schooled.
- U. S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and is a permanent legal resident of the Town of Jarratt.
- Has a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrates financial need and strong academic promise to pursue a two-year or four-year degree or a training certificate at an accredited post-secondary community college, university or trade school.
- Please note that the scholarship winners will be required to submit a short (1) one minute "thank you" video to be uploaded to our social media.
- Applicant must submit documentation from a school for payment of the award.

Please note that funds will be distributed directly to the educational institution in the student's name.

****Family members of Jarratt Town Council members are ineligible****

What criteria are used in evaluating the Town of Jarratt Dare to Dream Scholarship applications?

Eligibility is based on achievements in many areas. Students are required to submit an essay describing their future goals and aspirations. Applicants must also demonstrate hardships/obstacles overcome and accomplishments in the following areas: 1. Special Skills 2) Leadership Qualities 3) Relative Maturity 4) Personal Difficulties 5) Motivation 6) Enthusiasm 7) Capacity for Growth 8) Academic Promise 9) Community Outreach and Involvement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

All information requested on the Town of Jarratt Dare to Dream Application Form must be provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **The Applicant's Autobiographical Essay:** Each applicant must submit a signed essay, not to exceed two single-spaced pages, but no less than 500 words. The essay will play a significant role in the selection process. Your essay should address the following:
 - **Leadership Qualities:** Inspiring or directing others; becoming a role model for your peers. Evidence of leadership qualities can be drawn from personal or academic experiences, including extra-curricular activities.
 - **Obstacles Overcome/Challenges:** Achieving a goal despite barriers or challenges that has given you the determination to persevere. Include personal difficulties, hardships, and medical problems, whether personal or family relative that have directly affected your academic life.

- **Achievements:** Special skills and talents, creative or challenging activities that you have accomplished in your personal or academic life, such as artistic talent, public speaking and scientific or mathematical aptitude.
 - **Community Outreach:** Volunteer work performed that has benefited others such as the elderly, not for profit groups or agencies, schools, hospitals or community service agencies.
2. **The Supporting Financial Statement:** This must be submitted by the applicant to determine her/his eligibility for financial assistance. The information must include a copy of the parent as well as the student's 2019 Federal and State income tax returns. If 2019 tax returns have not yet been filed, we will accept a combination of copies of actual 2018 tax returns and copies of 2019 W-2's. If the parent will not file a 2019 tax return, a signed statement must accompany the application, along with official documentation to support income source (i.e. social security, public assistance, etc.) and amount received.
 3. **References:** Applicants must have (2) two reference letters from teachers, guidance counselor or employer who can personally explain how the applicant meets the criteria and how the applicant has influenced others. The nature and longevity of the relationship with the applicant should be explained.
 4. **Applicant's Career Interest & Goals:** Each applicant is required to submit a 500 word essay explaining their career interests and goals.
 5. **High School Transcript:** An official high school transcript must accompany your application.

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Assemble your application packet in the following order and use this as your checklist:

The Town of Jarratt Dare to Dream Application Form _____

The Applicant's Autobiographical Essay _____

The Applicant's Career Interests and Goals Essay _____

Supporting Financial Statement (including copy of 2019 tax forms) _____

Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (references) _____

Original Official High School Transcript (Copies not accepted) _____

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The complete application is also available on line at jarrattva.com. The completed application along with all other required information (see instructions) must be received by May 10, 2020.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Last	First	MI	Social Security Number	Date of Birth	
				()	
Home Address		City	State	Zip	Telephone
High School Name					Date of Graduation
High School Address			City	State	Zip
() _____ Citizenship Status (please check one) U S Citizen ____ Eligible Non-Citizen ____					
School Telephone					
E-Mail Address of School					

Letters of Recommendation (References): Two letters of reference must be included in your application packet. Letters of reference may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age or anyone related to you or serving as your legal guardian. A phone number must be included for each person providing a recommendation.

REFERENCE 1

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Applicant
Telephone Number	Address	E-Mail Address (required)

REFERENCE 2

Last Name	First Name	Relationship to Applicant
Name of College/University/Trade School		Address of College/University/Trade School
E-mail Address of College/University/Trade School		Phone Number
Signature of Applicant	E-mail Address	Date

SUPPORTING FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STUDENT NAME _____

I. PARENTAL INFORMATION (This section must be completed by all parents/guardians):

What is your parents' marital status?

(Check One) Married ___ Single ___ Divorced ___ Separated ___ Widowed ___

Father/Stepfather/Guardian _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian _____ Occupation _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

II. List all other members of the family in this household. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

NAME	AGE	SCHOOL	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT

III. Provide the following financial information

- 1. Parents'/Guardians' adjusted gross income for 2019 \$ _____
- 2. Monthly amounts received from: Social Security \$ _____
V.A. Benefits \$ _____
Child Support \$ _____
- 3. Student's 2019 income from wages, salaries and tips \$ _____
- 4. Current balance of savings/checking accounts \$ _____

We (I) declare that the information reported above is true, correct and complete to the best of our (my) knowledge:

Signature of Parent/Guardian (required)

Date

Signature of Student (required)

Date

Return to:
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