



**The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce it is now accepting applications for its 2017 Chamber Scholarship.**

**Purpose and Criteria:**

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship is intended to provide financial support and assistance to a high school senior that deserves assistance covering tuition expenses associated with higher education.

**Application Deadline:** Must receive no later than **Monday, April 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. EST.**

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
109 Mason St.  
Charlevoix, MI 49720

**Number of Recipients:** There will be **ONE \$2000 scholarship.**

This Scholarship is generously funded by: ***Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. Fox Charlevoix & Fox Charlevoix Ford, Freshwater Charch, and Round Lake Group, LLC***

**Requirements:**

- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is planning to attend an accredited vocational school, community college or university.
- Applicant must be accepted to an accredited two or four year institution of higher learning (college or vocational school).
- Applicant must have a 3.0 or better Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Applicant must be either an employee of a business which is a member of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce **or** the child of an employee of a Chamber member business.
- Immediate family members of the Chamber's Selection Committee are ineligible to apply for the Chamber Scholarship.

**Applications must include:**

- Application Form
- Most recent transcript
- Copy of acceptance letter from college or vocational school
- A minimum of one written reference letter from any Chamber Member
- A minimum of one written reference letter from any of your teachers
- A Personal Statement (maximum one (1) typed page) that includes a paragraph for each of the following qualities and topics:
  1. Leadership: How have you demonstrated strong leadership during your high school years and been a role model for your peers?

2. Perseverance: Provide an example of a time in high school where you faced a challenge and explain how you approached the situation and the outcome.
3. Character: What adjective best describes your personal character and why did you choose this word?
4. Aspirations and Goals: Include your aspirations and goals in life and why you have chosen them.

**Additional information:**

- Financial need is not necessarily required for the scholarship, but may be taken into consideration by the scholarship committee.
- All students are encouraged to apply regardless of academic merit or financial need status; the scholarship committee will consider all eligible students and will base award decisions on the entire application, not just test scores, grade point average, financial circumstances, etc.
- The Board reserves the right to meet with a candidate when it is felt it necessary or appropriate to complete the decision process.
- Winner will be announced at the **Charlevoix High School Senior Convocation on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.**