



**2016-17**

# **Citizens Bank and Trust Scholarship Application**

**\$1,500 scholarships made around Polk County to students graduating from Polk County public and charter high schools.**

Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, 75 community service hours and an 1170 SAT or 26 ACT

Preference will be given to students with middle to high financial need.

**Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2017.**

Mail submissions to:  
Polk Education Foundation  
1530 Shumate Drive  
Bartow, FL 33830  
(863) 534-0519

## **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:**

- Completed application - You will complete this application, sign it and attach all the required items and make sure it is postmarked by the deadline above. Please secure all with one staple.
- A copy of your transcript (get this from your school counselor)
- Parent's income information, please provide one of the following: 2016 W-2(s), 2016 income tax report, 2016-17 submitted FAFSA or SAR report
- Verification of cost to attend school – screen shot from school's website or copy of financial worksheet school sent you with cost and what you have been awarded / earned.

**Computer generate or print entire application neatly in blue or black ink.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live with your parents? If so, complete the next two lines. If not, please list here, who you live with \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Total # people living in your home \_\_\_\_\_

# of family members attending college including you \_\_\_\_\_

Your past and Present Employment History \_\_\_\_\_

Current # and type of volunteer hours \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to go to college? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the full cost of the school (tuition or tuition, room and board if you plan to live on campus?)

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(attach a sheet from the school verifying the cost to attend (this can be found on their website))

List all other financial aid (Pell Grants, Bright Futures, work study etc.) or scholarships for which you have applied and/or received other than those on this form Scholarship Name, Amount per year, and if it is received, denied or pending.

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**Essay – please type or computer generate**

Use this essay to provide information requested by each individual scholarship, personal financial need information, college and career plans, and any other information you feel would help in the selection process. Things like medical problems, divorce, and special family situations are all considered when awarding scholarships. Honors, awards, clubs, volunteer time, leadership roles and extra curricular activities may be included in your essay; however, do not send certificates, resumes or other documents as they are discarded and not considered. **Scholarships will be chosen solely on the information contained in this essay.** You may use the front side of one additional sheet of an 8.5x11 paper if needed for essay. Minimum type size 12 point.

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT**

I understand that:

- (a) if my application is incomplete or does not contain all items on the eligibility check list, my application will not be considered, acknowledged or returned,
- (b) scholarships will be decided based solely on the essay,
- (c) all supporting paperwork must accompany my application packet,
- (d) those other than Polk Education Foundation staff my review my application for the selection Process
- (e) only the recipients of the scholarships will be notified by graduation.

I further understand and agree that if I am chosen as a recipient:

- (a) I will attend the Senior Awards program at my high school to receive the award(s),
- (b) I will send a thank you note to the sponsor(s) of my scholarship(s) and a copy of the same thank you note to the Polk Education Foundation,
- (c) **my scholarship check will not be released until my College Information Sheet and a copy of my thank you note has been received by the Foundation office,**
- (d) the Foundation may use my name and photo to publicize my award without any further compensation,
- (e) if I change colleges, it is my responsibility to request that the balance of funds be transferred back to the Polk Education Foundation to be reissued to the college I will be attending. I will notify the Polk Education Foundation of this in writing.
- (f) all monies received from a one-time award must be used within three years of my graduation. Any money remaining after that time will revert back to the Polk Education Foundation,

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature if student is under 18

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