

# Esther Singer Scholarship Guidelines

Sponsored by the St. Joseph County Extension Homemaker's Association **All applications must be received by**



## Scholarship:

**March 15th, of the current year**  
References must be received by **MARCH 15th.**

**\*\*\*\* Note new due dates and qualifications effective beginning 2023\*\*\*\***

Applications will be submitted by a graduating high school student meeting the requirements listed below.

### Who's Eligible:

1. A St. Joseph County 4-H Member with a minimum of five years.  
OR
2. The son, daughter, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece/nephew, great-niece/great-nephew related to a member of the St. Joseph County Extension Homemaker's Association (the Homemaker must be or have been a member for a minimum of **five years**)

### Qualifications:

1. ***Accepted and enrolled by June of the current year as a student in any field of the curriculum in a college/university/trade school that issues a degree.***
2. Scholastic Ability – either a high school transcript or, if homeschooled, scores from the SAT/ACT (or measure of equivalent) must be provided.
3. Financial need.

### References: Three

1. From adults within the community - **not relatives or family friends.** For example – acceptable references would be a 4-H leader, an Extension Educator, Clergy, School Teacher or Counselor, an Employer, etc.

### Amount:

\$500.00 for one year.

### Award:

1. Winners will be notified by **April** of the current year.
2. Winners will be announced and invited to the St. Joseph County Extension Homemaker's Spring councilmeeting. **A parent or grandparent must be present if the recipient cannot attend.**
3. The scholarship check will be made payable to the college/trade school and sent to the Bursar's office upon verification of enrollment by September 1st, of the current year.

### Due Date:

**All applications must be received by March 15th, of the current year.** INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** *If March 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the application will be due the Monday following.*

### Mail To:

Nicole Meert  
2500 Topsfield, Unit 214  
South Bend, IN 46614

**Please include a picture of the applicant - to be used for a press release if the applicant is chosen. The picture will be returned.**

**For Additional Applications:** Download at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/stjoseph/4h/index.html> under the Youth heading and then choose 4- H Forms and/or call Nicole Meert at 574-360-1170 for an application.

**Do not return or send to the extension office**

ESTHER SINGER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
Sponsored by the St. Joseph County Extension  
Homemaker's Association  
For the **2024** SCHOOL YEAR



**AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL BE  
DISQUALIFIED**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) NAME(S):  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S): CELL PHONE  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S): E-MAIL  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF 20 \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN SENIOR CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR SCHOLASTIC RANK \_\_\_\_\_

HOMESCHOOLED: YES or NO

**Have you applied for admission to a college/trade school?** YES or NO

Have you received acceptance? YES or NO

**Name of College/University or Trade School you plan to attend:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your planned major or focus while attending said college/university or trade school: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken any courses while in high school for dual credit or APC if so how many?  
credits do you have that you anticipate will transfer in your post-secondary education? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any other scholarships (academic or otherwise)? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Esther Singer scholarship?

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**EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** (if more room is needed, please use another sheet of paper)

1. Sports, music, theatre, public speaking, debating team, FFA, DECA, etc.:
  
2. Offices held in school and other organizations (include years):
  
3. Awards, trips, committee work (include years):

**VOLUNTEER WORK /COMMUNITY PROJECTS:** (i.e. food drives, mentoring, charity walks/dances, car washes, etc., and include approximate hours participating in or organizing such activities).

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**H. EXPERIENCES:**

CLUB/TOWNSHIP NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF YEARS \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

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AWARDS: \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICES HELD IN LOCAL CLUB/COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WORK EXPERIENCE:** (e.g., fast food, lawn care, coaching, etc. and include several hours/week)- This maybe an externship or internship (paid or unpaid hours) We are looking for your experience in the field of work and what types of skills you gained from this experience. Please list the hours, and skills you achieved or learned):

Occupation/Employer	Date worked	Skills learned	Hours worked	Paid/unpaid

**Extension Homemakers relationship/ involvement:** who are you related to that is an extension homemaker? What has been that extension homemaker's involvement in a club and/or on a county level? \_

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**Explain an additional experience in which you participated that made a difference for others and/or the community:**\_\_\_\_\_

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**What do you consider your greatest assets?**\_\_\_\_\_

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**FINANCIAL NEED:** Provide information that will assist in evaluating your need (i.e. Number of siblings, jobs held, special circumstances):\_\_\_\_\_

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**Reference Requirements:**

List the names of three references: school counselor/teacher, clergy, extension educator, 4-H leader, etc. in the community **who are not related to you**. References should be placed in a sealed envelope and mailed directly to:

**Nicole Meert**

2500 Topsfield, Unit 214

South Bend, IN 46614

574-360-1170

Reference forms are included with this application. ***Be sure the references have your name on the outside of the front of the envelope. If references are emailed- THEY MUST BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO Nicole Meert FROM YOUR REFERENCE.***

Print the names of your references:

1.

2.

3.

**I HAVE ANSWERED THE ABOVE QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY AND TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.**

PRINT YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



**Esther Singer Scholarship Reference\***  
Sponsored by the St. Joseph County Extension Homemaker's  
Association **Due Date is March 15th**, of the Current Year

Reference for: \_\_\_\_\_

Filled out by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(please use the backside of this paper if more room is  
needed)

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant and for how many years?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How would you rate the applicant's degree of interest in schooling and education?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In your opinion, does the applicant need financial support for further education?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why should this person receive the Esther Singer Scholarship?

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Nicole Meert  
2500 Topsfield,  
Unit 214  
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\*All replies will be held confidential

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