



# Esther Singer Scholarship Guidelines

Sponsored by the St. Joseph County Extension Homemakers Association

**All applications & references must be received by  
March 15th of the current year**



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

## Who's Eligible

- A St. Joseph County 4-H Member with a minimum of five years.  
**OR**
- A relative of 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. Financial need.

## Required References—Three (3)

- From adults within the community, **excluding relatives and/or family friends**.
- Examples of acceptable references include, but aren't limited to, a 4-H leader, an Extension Educator, Clergy, School Teacher or Counselor, an Employer, etc.

## Picture Of Applicant

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

## Amount

- \$500.00 for one year.

## Award

- Winners will be notified by **April** of the current year.
- Winners will be announced and invited to the St. Joseph County Extension Homemakers Spring or Summer council meeting.
- 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 or postmarked by March 15th of the current year. Incomplete applications and applications received after this date will not be considered.**
- If March 15th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the application will be due the following Monday.

## Mail To

Purdue Extension—St. Joseph County  
Attn: Esther Singer Scholarship  
125 S. Lafayette Blvd., 2nd Floor  
South Bend, IN 46601

## Email To

Beth Evans ([bevans4@purdue.edu](mailto:bevans4@purdue.edu))

**For Additional Applications** Download @ [Purdue Extension SJC's 4H & Youth](#) tab. Navigate to the Scholarships & Awards heading. Encountering issues? Call Purdue Extension St. Joseph County (574-235-9605) for an application.

# Esther Singer Scholarship Application

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for the 2026 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID Number of College/University or Trade School** \_\_\_\_\_

College/University or Trade School Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

How did you hear about the Esther Singer scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular School Activities**

(if more room is needed, please use another sheet of paper)

Sports, music, theatre, public speaking, debating team, FFA, DECA, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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Offices held in school and other organizations (include years) \_\_\_\_\_

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Awards, trips, committee work (include years) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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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**4-H Experiences**

Club/Township Name \_\_\_\_\_ # 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 may be 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(s) 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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**Please continue to the next page for the next portion of the application.**

## 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 or emailed directly to:

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Reference forms are included with this application. *Ensure references have your name on the outside of the front of the envelope if mailed.* If references are emailed, they must be emailed directly to Beth Evans ([bevans4@purdue.edu](mailto:bevans4@purdue.edu)).

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Committee members to contact if you have questions

Diana Kuhn (Chairwoman) 574-209-3533

Alene Klopfenstein 574-250-8848

Lynn Lambert 574-679-4691

**Please continue to the next page for the reference form that is to be completed and sent to the Extension Office or emailed to Beth Evans (information listed above).**

## **Esther Singer Scholarship Reference\***

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Due Date is March 15th of the Current Year

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

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity have you known the applicant and for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you rate the applicant's degree of interest in schooling and education? \_\_\_\_\_

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In your opinion, does the applicant need financial support for further education?

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Why should this person receive the Esther Singer Scholarship?

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