



Morrison Chamber of Commerce

Confidential Application

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**Morrison Chamber of Commerce
Scholarship Application**

Instructions:

**Please type or print each section.
Additional pages may be attached, if needed.**

Return the application to your counselor by March 15.

MORRISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Morrison Chamber of Commerce will award one \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior of Morrison High School to be used by the recipient to cover expenses associated with higher education.

Applications will be scored and considered based on: School Involvement, Community Involvement, Work Experience, Letters of Recommendation and Essay Response.

Preference will be given to applicants who have taken additional business courses or training; applicants who plan to major in a business related field and/or start their own business upon graduation; and those planning on returning to Morrison, Illinois to begin their professional career. These preferences, however, should not discourage otherwise interested persons from applying.

ELIGIBILITY

- Graduating seniors who attend Morrison High School
- Accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning (college or vocational school) for the fall semester
- Student is not a family member of Morrison Chamber of Commerce current Board of Directors or Scholarship Committee members
- Awarded funds must be used in the furtherance of the education of the recipient within one year of the award or shall be repaid to the Morrison Chamber of Commerce

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Fill out the application form completely and return it to your high school counselor.
- Give one reference form to a school teacher or administrator to complete.
- Give one reference form to a business owner, supervisor, or other business related contact to complete.

SELECTION PROCESS

A Chamber Administrator will conduct a preliminary review of each application to ensure it meets all eligibility and application requirements. Qualifying applications will be reviewed by the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee. One finalist will be selected by this committee and recommended to the Morrison Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for final approval of award.

MORRISON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION	
Name	
Street Address	
City, ST, ZIP Code	
Home Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Student's Signature	
Parent or Guardian's First & Last Name	
Address	
Phone #	
E-Mail Address	
Parent or Guardian's Signature	

PART II: SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT	
High School Name	
Other High Schools Attended	

School Involvement
 Please list all school activities in which you have participated during your high school career (clubs, organizations, sports, music, etc.). Include a short explanation of each activity, if not self-explanatory, as well as the duration of your involvement. Note any leadership positions held, as well as awards, honors, or recognition for each activity listed.

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PART III: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Organizations and Activities

Please list all community activities in which you have participated during your high school career (church, scouts, clubs, volunteer, etc.). Include a short explanation of each activity, as well as the duration of your involvement. Note any leadership positions held, awards, honors or recognition for each activity listed.

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Community Involvement

Please list any other community events/activities in which you have been involved during your high school career. Explain the event/activity, as necessary, as well as your involvement.

PART IV: WORK EXPERIENCE

List any job experience, paid or volunteer, held during your high school career. Briefly explain where you worked, what responsibilities were involved for each job, as well as the length of time you were employed.

Do you currently have a part-time job? Please include the above information for this job, as well as approximately how many hours you work each week during the school year.

PART V: GENERAL QUESTIONS

Have you taken additional business courses and/or training? If so, please list each course.

Have you been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning (college or vocational)? If so, please indicate what school you plan to attend and attach some proof of acceptance, such as a letter, certificate, e-mail confirmation, etc.

In what area of study do you plan to focus your higher education? Do you plan to major/minor in a business related field? Please explain your reasoning for choosing this focus.

What are your aspirations following your college graduation? (ie. Do you plan to start your own business, join a larger/existing business, move back to the Morrison area to start your professional career, etc.)

PART VI: ESSAY

Please respond to the following question in 150 words or less. Attach an additional page, if preferred.

Why should you receive this scholarship?

PART VII: REFERENCES

- Please give one reference form to a business owner, supervisor, or other business related contact to complete.
- Please give the second reference form to a high school teacher or administrator to complete.
- Make sure to sign each reference form prior to giving them to your references.
- It is your responsibility to make sure these referrals accompany your completed application, so if necessary, follow-up with each reference as the deadline approaches.

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REFERENCE FORM #1 – BUSINESS OWNER, SUPERVISOR, OR BUSINESS RELATED CONTACT

To be completed by the reference –

The person named above is an applicant for the Morrison Chamber of Commerce

Scholarship Award. The scholarship selection committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by references of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time necessary to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Please complete this form or attach a one-page letter. This letter must be returned, in a sealed envelope, to the student's high school guidance office by March 15.

Name of Reference:
Position/Title:
Organization:
Mailing Address:
E-mail:
1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
2. What do you consider the applicant's primary talents and strengths?
3. What do you consider the applicant's chief weakness?
4. Comment on the applicant's relationships with his or her peers.

Signature of Reference

Date

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REFERENCE FORM #2 – SCHOOL TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR

To be completed by the reference –

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Please complete this form or attach a one-page letter. Completion of the matrix on the following page is required. This letter must be returned, in a sealed envelope, to the student's high school guidance office by March 15.

Name of Reference:
Position/Title:
Organization:
Mailing Address:
E-mail:
How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
What do you consider the applicant's primary talents and strengths?
What do you consider the applicant's chief weakness?
Comment on the applicant's relationships with his or her peers.

REFERENCE FORM #2 – TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR (CONT.)

Please use the scale below to compare the applicant with other high school seniors you have known at Morrison High School.

	Exceptional	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unable to judge
Character							
Concern for others							
Responsibility							
Leadership							
Initiative							
Curiosity							
Ability to work with others							
Maturity							
Oral communication skills							
Persistence and drive							
Interest in community affairs							
Analytical ability							

Please comment generally on the applicant's ability to communicate with others, his or her behavior in a group setting (participant or observer), interest in community affairs and potential for becoming a community or business leader.

Signature of teacher or administrator

Date