



February 1, 2012

Re: College Scholarships

Dear Principal and Guidance Counselor:

Independence Bank is pleased to announce we will again be awarding college scholarships to high school seniors from our eight county areas of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, McCracken, McLean, Warren, and Webster counties. Since 2001, we have awarded \$265,500 in scholarships. In 2012, we will award \$42,750 in total scholarships. One student from each county will be chosen as a finalist for the Charles A. Reid Scholarship and will receive a \$500 Maurice E. Reisz Scholarship. The following 25 scholarships will be awarded:

- (1) ***Charles A. Reid \$10,000 Scholarship*** Named in honor of the former President of Independence Bank, this will go to the overall winner from all applications received
- (1) ***Ernie & Martine Davis \$3,000 Scholarship*** This will go to the first runner-up from all applications received
- (1) ***Henderson Community Board \$1,500 Scholarship*** This will go to a finalist from **Henderson County**
- (1) ***McCracken County Board \$2,000 Scholarship*** This will go to the finalist from **McCracken County**
- (1) ***Daviess County Community Board \$8,250 Scholarship*** This will go to the finalist from **Daviess County**
- (1) ***Hancock County Community Board \$2,000 Scholarship*** This will go to the finalist from **Hancock County**
- (1) ***Warren County Community Board \$2,000 Scholarship*** This will go to the finalist from **Warren County**
- (1) ***Webster County Community Board \$1,000 Scholarship*** This will go to the finalist from **Webster County**
- (9) ***Maurice E. Reisz \$500 Scholarships*** These will go to a finalist from each county plus one at-large finalist
- (7) ***Ernie & Martine Davis \$500 Scholarships*** These will go to the finalists from each county and one at-large finalist who did NOT receive the \$10,000 or \$3,000 scholarships
- (1) ***Independence Bank Agriculture \$5,000 Scholarship*** This will go to a student with a farming background and whom intends to pursue an agriculture related degree. ***In order to be eligible for this scholarship, please answer the Agriculture Essay.***

Scholarship Application Process...

One application qualifies student for all scholarships. Students who wish to apply must fill out a copy of the enclosed application and attach:

- 1) Copy of their high school transcript to date
- 2) Copy of their most recent ACT scores
- 3) Typed essay not to exceed one page on the 2012 Essay and/or the Agriculture Essay
- 4) List of extracurricular activities and community involvement
- 5) Letter or statement regarding the student's need for financial assistance to attend college
- 6) List of other scholarships or grants that have already been awarded

2012 Essay – This essay qualifies the student for all scholarships EXCEPT the Independence Bank Agriculture \$5,000 Scholarship. In order to qualify for all 25 scholarships available, please submit BOTH essays (if the other requirements for the Agriculture Scholarship are met.)

Agriculture Essay – This essay only qualifies the student for the Independence Bank Agriculture \$5,000 Scholarship. In order to apply for all 25 scholarships, please submit BOTH essays.

All of the above must be postmarked or delivered by March 16, 2012 to:

Mr. Chris Reid
Independence Bank
2425 Frederica Street
Owensboro, KY 42301

All \$500, \$1,000, \$3,000, \$5,000 will be paid in the fall of 2012 directly to the college or university of the student's choice. The Charles A. Reid \$10,000 Scholarship will be paid at \$2,500 per year for 4 years - beginning in the fall of 2012, directly to the college or university of the student's choice - as long as the student is enrolled full time and maintains at least a 3.2 GPA. The Daviess County \$7,250 Scholarship will be evenly distributed each year for 4 years – beginning the fall of 2012, directly to the college or university of the student's choice – as long as the student is enrolled full time and maintains at least a 3.2 GPA. All scholarship applications will be judged based on high school grades to date, ACT scores, extracurricular activity and community involvement, scholarship essay and financial need. Personal interviews will also be conducted with the scholarship finalist from each county. Finalists will be called on or before April 6, 2012 to schedule an interview. **Each county must have at least five applicants in order to be eligible for consideration.**

If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me directly.

Sincerely,

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(Please print or type - one application qualifies for all scholarships)

STUDENT'S NAME _____ HIGH SCHOOL _____

STUDENT'S HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ CELL PHONE _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____ HOME PHONE _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR NAME & PHONE # _____

COLLEGE CHOICE (if decided) _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Enclose with this application...

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2012 Essay - This essay qualifies the student for all scholarships EXCEPT the Independence Bank Agriculture \$5,000 Scholarship. In order to qualify for all 25 scholarships available, please submit BOTH essays (if the other requirements for the Agriculture Scholarship are met.)

Choose 1 essay from the following topics:

- 1) *Technology is making communication easier in today's world, but at the expense of personal contact as many people choose to work at home in front of a computer screen, what dangers are there for a society which depends on computer screens rather than face to face contact for its main means of communication?*
- 2) *The right to vote is one of the most important benefits of being a US citizen. Since 2012 is an election year, how will you exercise this freedom to vote and what influences do you think each vote has?*
- 3) *Religion is seen as the downfall in our country, do you think religion still plays a role in the public schools. Please explain.*

Agriculture Essay - This essay only qualifies the student for the Independence Bank Agriculture \$5,000 Scholarship. In order to apply for all 25 scholarships, please submit BOTH essays.

Choose 1 essay from the following topics:

- 1) *Tobacco is one of the main cash crops of Kentucky, what is your opinion on it being made illegal and how do you believe it would affect your local community and our state as a whole?*
- 2) *The average age of the current US farmer is 55, and is the current trend for retiring farmers to have their operations absorbed by larger existing operations. Do you think the family farm will be a thing of the past in the next 20 years?*
- 3) *We have often heard that agriculture is the backbone of the American economy. Why is this and how does this tie agriculture to help shape and develop our foreign and domestic policy of the United States?*

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