

The Seiter Family Scholarship For Elgin High School Graduates

Deadline: April 15, 2024

Amount of Award: \$2,000

Eligibility Requirements

Richard P. Seiter in honor of his parents, Paul E. Seiter and Rosemary Von Kaenel Seiter, longtime residents of New Bloomington and supporters of Elgin High School, has created and invites applications for the Seiter Family Scholarship, awarded to seniors at Elgin High School who:

- o Are first-generation college attendees (parents do not have bachelor's degrees),
- o Are planning to attend a four-year college or university,
- o Can demonstrate financial need (EFC of \$10,000 or less based on FAFSA SAR review),
- o Can demonstrate academic ability (have a 3.00 GPA), and acceptable ACT or SAT scores,
- o Can articulate a goal to make an impact in their chosen profession or in their community in line with the belief of service held by Mr. and Mrs. Seiter.

Applicants will be considered equally regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or handicap status.

Application Requirements

To apply for this scholarship, applicants must

- 1) read the information about the Seiter family on the last page of this application,
- 2) complete the application form,
- 3) submit two recommendations,
- 4) attach a copy of your SAR review,
- 5) attach a transcript with an ACT or SAT score, and
- 6) complete the brief essay as explained in Section VI.

Please note that this scholarship may be renewable, based on reasonable progress toward the degree and the availability of funds. Recipients may apply to receive the scholarship for their sophomore year of college, where the award may also be \$2,000.

Questions can be directed to and the application submitted to the Elgin Guidance Office.

**The Seiter Family Scholarship
Application Form
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Section I: Identification Data

1. Student Name _____
2. Address _____

3. Phone Number _____
4. College or university where you will further your education and college major

5. Highest level of education of Parents:
Mother _____ Father _____

Section II: Academic History

1. Provide a transcript of grades, including class rank and grade point average. The transcript must be complete through the Junior year and officially sealed by the Elgin High School Guidance Office.
2. College Entrance (SAT or ACT) Test Scores (**if** the test score is not on the transcript)

Section IV: Activities and Employment

1. School and Community Related Activities. Identify leadership roles.

2. Work Experience, including farm work

Month/year	to Month/year	Job Description
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Section V: Letters of Recommendation

Please provide two recommendations on the form provided.

Section VI: Essay

Complete a brief (no more than 500 words) essay explaining the characteristics or actions that you consider important in making a difference in your profession or in the community where you will live. Paul and Rosemary Seiter gave much back to their community, and your essay should illustrate your plans to give back and serve your profession, community, and others.

Section VII: Certification

This is to certify that information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. Falsification automatically disqualifies the applicant.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

**Recommendation Form for the
Seiter Family Scholarship**

To be completed by principal, guidance counselor or teacher

Student's Name _____

Home Address _____

Student Phone Number _____

Leadership Qualities _____

Career Plans _____

Additional comments may be written below or attached.

Signed _____ Title _____

School Phone Number _____

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Guidelines for the Awarding of the Seiter Family Scholarship

The following guidelines shall be utilized in awarding the scholarship:

1. The scholarship shall be named the ***Seiter Family Scholarship***.
2. The scholarship shall be awarded annually to a high school senior, graduating from Elgin High School, who meets the criteria listed on the scholarship application.
3. The application form will be available in the Guidance Office on March 15 of each year. It will be due to the Guidance Office no later than April 15 of each year.
4. The scholarship will not be awarded if Seiter Family Scholarship funds are not available to fund it.
5. The nominees will be reviewed and the winner selected on the basis of the following criteria:
 - a. Academic excellence
 - b. Financial need
 - c. Recommendations
 - d. Honors, accomplishments and work history
 - e. Student essay illustrating how the student will contribute like Mr. and Mrs. Seiter did to their community and Elgin High School.

All criteria will be weighted equally.

6. Once the winner has been determined, the scholarship winner will receive an award letter explaining the process for the student's claiming the award. Typically, a scholarship check will be issued jointly to the student and the college or university the student will be attending. A copy of the award letter will be kept on file in the Elgin High School Guidance Office.
7. The scholarship recipient will be notified before the Elgin Awards Night, where the scholarship will be presented.
8. These guidelines can only be changed by Richard P. Seiter who has established and funded the scholarship.

Seiter Family Scholarship

This scholarship is established in honor of Paul E. and Rosemary Seiter, long time residents of New Bloomington and supporters of Elgin High School. Mr. Seiter was a farmer and drove a school bus for the Elgin School District. From 1962 (the beginning of Elgin High School) for the next fifteen years, Mr. Seiter drove the athletic bus to all Elgin team events, never taking any money for his time or this service. Mrs. Seiter was a housewife, who worked as a cook and the secretary at New Bloomington Elementary School for several years. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Seiter attended college (Mr. Seiter only completed the 8th grade), but higher education was important to them, and they sacrificed in many ways so their children could attend college. The Seiter's had three children who graduated from Elgin High School, and combined have eight college degrees:

Shirley Palumbo (1963) – After graduation from Elgin High School, Shirley graduated from Ohio State University, and began teaching English in the Columbus Public Schools. She later received her Master's and Ph.D. in Education Administration. Dr. Palumbo has served in many professional education roles, to include Vice President and Provost of Columbus State University. She is retired and lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Richard P. Seiter (1966) – Rick Seiter also graduated from Ohio State, and later received an MPA and Ph.D. in Public Administration. Dr. Seiter is a corrections professional, academician, and business manager. He served as a federal prison warden, and as Ohio's Director of Rehabilitation and Corrections. He also was a professor of Criminal Justice at St. Louis University, and authored two textbooks. He was Executive Vice President of Corrections Corporation of America, but is now retired, and resides in Oakland, CA.

Gene Seiter (1969) – Gene Seiter began a career in the U.S. Air Force after graduation from Elgin, and later received his B.A. and M.A. in Aeronautics. He served as an Air Control Weapons Officer aboard the AWAC airplane, reached the rank of Captain, and retired from active duty after over twenty years. He was a pilot for a division of DHL Air Express, and Jet Blue. He is now retired and lives just outside of Nashville, TN.