TO: ALL 2025-2026 SENIORS ATTENDING WAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL or THE WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER in LIEU of WHS

FROM: KAREN McGILLIVRAY, CHAIRPERSON OF THE OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival sponsors a scholarship contest for outstanding young people in the community of Waynesville. It is open to Waynesville seniors who attend Waynesville High School or the Warren County Career Center in lieu of WHS. The judging will be based on your knowledge of the community, your contribution to/involvement in the community, academics, and self-presentation. The top scorers will be declared the winners. The number of scholarships available will be determined by the annual contributions received from the contributors.

All applicants are required to work in a Chamber Food or Drink Booth during the festival. If you are selected as a winner and have not completed your volunteer shift, you will forfeit your eligibility.

NOTE: If you are a winner, you will have until March 31, 2027 to claim your scholarship. You must have at least a 2.0 GPA in your first term of college and be a full time student per the college/university standards or tech school standards.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Please fill out the attached form. This will be the judges' first impression of you, so give it your full attention and best effort. Please TYPE your responses.
2. Turn in the application **by 2:30 pm Thursday, September 18, 2025** at the high school counselor's office. Applications may also be mailed to the Chamber address listed below **prior** to this date. **No exceptions will be made.**
3. Submit a current photo with your application. This can be a copied photo.
4. During the week before the interview, someone from the Scholarship Contest Committee will contact each candidate to schedule your interview.
5. All candidates must attend the interview event on Sunday, **September 28, 2025 beginning at 1:00 P.M**. at the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce (174 S. Main St). The judges will take this opportunity to chat with you on a personal basis in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The interview will last between five and eight minutes.
6. Before your interview begins you will be asked to sign up for a two hour volunteer shift at one of the Sauerkraut Festival food or drink booths. Please bring a calendar with you so you can sign up for a shift.
    - You can sign up now, if you prefer, for the drink booth -- on this link below - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848AFA622AAFCCE9-57973709-central#/

7. All candidates will gather at the LCNB drive thru, at the corner of Main and North Streets, on **Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 2:45 pm (during the Festival).**
8. After gathering at the LCNB drive thru, all candidates will appear on Festival stage for the awards ceremony.

We are looking forward to getting to know you! We wish you the best of luck!

Karen S. McGillivray, Chairperson 513-320-0553

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2025 OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PARENT'S NAME(S) _____

YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS
_____

WHS STUDENT_____WCCC STUDENT _____ GPA _____

FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT _____

ANTICIPATED COLLEGE CHOICE _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (OUTSIDE OF WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL)
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Please answer the following questions. Please limit your responses to 200 words.

1. What does the Waynesville community mean to you and what has been your involvement with the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival?

2. As an Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Scholarship winner, what contributions would you make to this community?

3. What current event (local, national, international) has impacted your or other students your age? In what way has it impacted you? Do you feel like you're able to impact the event/situation?

4. What are your future goals and ambitions? These can be career or personal life goals, and yes, you can be undecided! But give us a sense of what you'd like to happen in your life.

5. Tell us about a time when you showed compassion or kindness to another person. How did that affect the person? How did it affect you?

DEADLINE IS 2:30 pm, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025