

# THE PAUL AND JEANNIE MORRIS EDUCATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## 2026/27 Needs-Based Scholarship

### Guidelines

The Paul and Jeannie Morris Education Trust was established to provide “for the payment of post-secondary educational costs for one or more students from low-income families.” Post-secondary education shall include enrollment at trade schools, technical schools, apprenticeship programs, and/or colleges and universities, not to be limited by geographic location.

The Paul and Jeannie Morris Education Trust Scholarship provides for payment of some or all post-secondary education expenses, at the trustee’s discretion, including tuition, books, class materials, room and board, and related expenses for a graduating senior of Connersville High School or Whitewater Career Center. Any Morris Education Trust Scholarship award granted shall be reduced by other scholarships received, or to be received by the applicant, and by State and Federal aid that the student is reasonably entitled to (so long as such aid does not have to be repaid).

Applicants must meet **ALL** of the following eligibility requirements to be considered for this scholarship:

- (1) Must demonstrate financial need
- (2) Must be a Fayette County resident
- (3) Must be a graduating senior of CHS or WCC
- (4) Must plan to attend a college or university (2 or 4 year), technical school, trade school, or apprenticeship program
- (5) Must have an average or above-average GPA
- (6) Must possess a positive attitude, a desire to learn, and a good work ethic

Scholarships awarded by the Paul and Jeannie Morris Education Trust are intended to support the educational pursuits for the full tenure of the technical, trade, apprenticeship, or college program, as the case may be, on a full-time basis; however, scholarships may be revoked, without advanced notice, due to a student’s poor attendance, poor academic performance, dishonesty, perceived lack of desire, perceived lack of academic effort, and/or perceived involvement in activities by the student that are unacceptable based on law or common morality. Transcripts and/or semester grade reports must be submitted each semester to determine ongoing eligibility.

Tuition payments will be paid directly to the college, technical school, or apprenticeship program. The student will be responsible for submitting to the Trustee an invoice for tuition and fees each semester as it becomes available.

Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **May 15th, 2026**. Late applications will not be considered.

Please hand deliver or mail one copy of your completed application to the Trust Department at Union Savings and Loan Association:

Union Savings and Loan Association  
C/O Trust Department  
730 N. Central Ave.  
Connersville, IN 47331

Applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee consisting of independent volunteers from the local community. Scholarship applicants will be notified the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please submit any questions to: [bbauman@uslabank.com](mailto:bbauman@uslabank.com)

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Please print clearly

1. **Personal Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check all that apply:*

I work during the school year.

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. # Hours Worked/Week: \_\_\_\_\_

I am responsible for caring for siblings or others in the household during the school year.

If yes, please explain\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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I will likely be unable to complete my chosen post high school education or training without creating a substantial financial burden for myself or my family.

If yes, please explain\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* If additional space is needed, please provide your response(s) on a separate attached page.

2. **Family Information:**

***Father's Personal Information (or Legal Guardian)***

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (If different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Education Level Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Mother's Personal Information (or Legal Guardian)***

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Education Level Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Age of Siblings: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Financial Information:**

Father's Annual Salary (or Legal Guardian)\*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Annual Salary (or Legal Guardian)\*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Salary information provided above shall be consistent with what is reported on page 1 of the 2025 IRS Income Tax Form(s). If selected as a scholarship recipient, income verification will be required.*

*Please check all that apply:*

- The income reported above does not accurately portray my family's "typical household earnings".

If yes, please explain\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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- I am a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar.

If yes, please explain remaining financial need\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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- One or more of my parents or siblings currently attends college, trade school, or vocational classes.

If yes, please explain\*\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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My parents are not married.

If Yes:

(a) Is your parent or legal guardian receiving child support for you and/or any siblings? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, what is the amount received per month: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Has a parent been ordered by a court to pay a portion of your post high school education expense? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, what amount or percentage was ordered to be paid: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* If additional space is needed, please provide your response(s) on a separate attached page.

### 3. Academic Information:

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ (On a 4.0 scale)

\*Please attach proof of GPA---Your most recent school transcript must be provided.

Intended Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check all that apply:*

I have decided which college/trade school/apprentice program I will attend in the fall.

If yes, please provide name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have not decided which college/trade school/apprentice program I will attend in the fall.

If yes, please provide your top 3 choices: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I have experienced one or more hardships that adversely affected my grades and/or attendance.

If yes, please explain\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Total Out-of-Pocket Cost of Education (including repayable loans): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* If additional space is needed, please provide your response(s) on a separate attached page.

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4. **Short Answer (please answer only in the space provided):**

A. If you could instantly learn any new skill, what would it be and why?

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B. What brings you joy, big or small?

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5. **Personal Achievements, Extracurricular Activities, and Volunteerism:**

A. List any honors, awards, or recognition you received while in high school:

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B. List extracurricular activities you have been involved in and the number of years you participated in each:

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C. Provide a list of your volunteer activities over the last 12 months and the number of hours served for each:

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D. Please list any financial aid you are to receive that does not need to be repaid, including academic and athletic scholarships offered through the college/university/trade school, federal or state grants, and any local/community scholarships (include the name and amount of award, if applicable, and indicate if one-time or renewable):

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**Essays:**

Please attach a separate typewritten essay (500 words or less) for **each** of the following questions:

A. What inspired you to choose your career path and why is it important in today's society?

B. What do you consider to be the single most important problem facing society today, and how would you address it?

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## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner it is my responsibility to remit to the Trust Department of Union Savings and Loan Association (located at 730 N. Central Avenue Connersville, IN 47331) the appropriate documentation and invoices in a timely manner for my tuition to be paid directly to my educational institution each semester.

I hereby understand that incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist:

- Completed Application
- Two Typewritten Essays
- Signed Statement of Accuracy and Acknowledgment
- Most Recent Transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
- Optional Information- You may include any other items you would like the Committee to consider when reviewing your application, such as a cover letter, acceptance letter(s), letter(s) of reference, etc.

### **HAND DELIVER OR MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

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730 N. Central Ave.  
P.O. Box 366  
Connersville, IN 47331**

### **REMINDER:**

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