

# Esther Singer Scholarship Guidelines

Sponsored by the St. Joseph County Extension Homemaker's Association **All applications must be received by March 15th, of the current year**



## Scholarship:

References must be received by **MARCH 15th.**

Applications will be submitted by a graduating high school student meeting the requirements listed below.

### Who's Eligible:

1. A St. Joseph County 4-H Member with a minimum of five years.  
**OR**
2. A relative of a member of the St. Joseph County Extension Homemaker's Association (the Homemaker must be or have been a member for a minimum of **five years**)

### Qualifications:

1. *Accepted and enrolled by June of the current year as a student in any field of the curriculum in a college/university/trade school that issues a degree.*
2. Financial need.

### References: Three

1. From adults within the community - **not relatives or family friends.** For example – acceptable references would be a 4-H leader, an Extension Educator, Clergy, School Teacher or Counselor, an Employer, etc.

### Picture: Of Applicant

Please include a picture of the applicant - to be used for a press release if the applicant is chosen. The picture will be returned.

### Amount:

\$500.00 for one year.

### Award:

1. Winners will be notified by **April** of the current year.
2. Winners will be announced and invited to the St. Joseph County Extension Homemaker's Spring or summer council meeting.
3. The scholarship check will be made payable to the college/trade school and sent to the Bursar's office upon verification of enrollment by September 1st, of the current year.

### Due Date:

All applications must be received or postmarked by March 15th, of the current year. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** If **March 15<sup>th</sup>** falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the application will be due the Monday following.

### Mail To:

Purdue Extension – St. Joseph County  
Attn: Esther Singer Scholarship  
125 S Lafayette Blvd, 2nd Floor  
South Bend, IN 46601

### Email to:

Emma Rauch at: [errrauch@purdue.edu](mailto:errrauch@purdue.edu)

**For Additional Applications:** Download at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/stjoseph/4h/index.html> under the Youth heading and then choose Scholarships and Awards or call the St. Joseph County 4-H Fairboard 574-291-4870 for an application.



ESTHER SINGER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
Sponsored by the St. Joseph County Extension  
Homemaker's Association  
For the 2025 SCHOOL YEAR



**AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL BE  
DISQUALIFIED**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S) NAME(S):  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S): CELL PHONE  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN(S): E-MAIL  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF 20 \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN SENIOR CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR SCHOLASTIC RANK \_\_\_\_\_

HOMESCHOOLED: YES or NO

Have you applied for admission to a college/trade school? YES or NO

Have you received acceptance? YES or NO

Name of College/University or Trade School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number of College/University or Trade School: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University or Trade School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your planned major or focus while attending said college/university or trade school: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any other scholarships (academic or otherwise)? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Esther Singer scholarship?

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**EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** (if more room is needed, please use another sheet of paper)

1. Sports, music, theatre, public speaking, debating team, FFA, DECA, etc.:
  
2. Offices held in school and other organizations (include years):
  
3. Awards, trips, committee work (include years):

**VOLUNTEER WORK /COMMUNITY PROJECTS:** (i.e. food drives, mentoring, charity walks/dances, car washes, etc., and include approximate hours participating in or organizing such activities).

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**4-H EXPERIENCES:**

CLUB/TOWNSHIP NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF YEARS \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECTS COMPLETED:

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AWARDS: \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICES HELD IN LOCAL CLUB/COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

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**WORK EXPERIENCE:** (e.g., fast food, lawn care, coaching, etc. and include several hours/week)- This maybe an externship or internship (paid or unpaid hours) We are looking for your experience in the field of work and what types of skills you gained from this experience. Please list the hours, and skills you achieved or learned):

Occupation/Employer	Date worked	Skills learned	Hours worked	Paid/unpaid

**Extension Homemakers relationship/ involvement:** who are you related to that is an extension homemaker? What has been that extension homemaker's involvement in a club and/or on a county level? \_

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**Explain an additional experience in which you participated that made a difference for others and/or the community:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What do you consider your greatest assets?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**FINANCIAL NEED:** Provide information that will assist in evaluating your need (i.e. Number of siblings, jobs held, special circumstances): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reference Requirements:**

List the names of three references: school counselor/teacher, clergy, extension educator, 4-H leader, etc. in the community **who are not related to you**. References should be placed in a sealed envelope and mailed or emailed directly to:

**Mail to:**

**Purdue Extension – St. Joseph County**

Attn: Esther Singer Scholarship

125 S. Lafayette Blvd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor South

Bend, IN 46614

574-235-9605

**Email to: Emma Rauch at:**

[errrauch@purdue.edu](mailto:errrauch@purdue.edu)

**Reference forms are included with this application. *Be sure the references have your name on the outside of the front of the envelope. If references are emailed- THEY MUST BE E MAILED DIRECTLY TO: EMMA RAUCH at: errrauch@purdue.edu FROM YOUR REFERENCE:***

Print the names of your references:

1.

2.

3.

**I HAVE ANSWERED THE ABOVE QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY AND TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.**

PRINT YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee members to contact if you have any questions:**

Nicole Meert 574-360-1170

Diana Kuhn 574-209-3533

Alene Klopfenstein 574-250-8848







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Reference for: \_\_\_\_\_

Filled out by: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(please use the backside of this paper if more room is  
needed)

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant and for how many years?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How would you rate the applicant's degree of interest in schooling and education?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. In your opinion, does the applicant need financial support for further education?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Why should this person receive the Esther Singer Scholarship?

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South Bend, IN 46601  
Or email: [errauch@purdue.edu](mailto:errauch@purdue.edu)

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