

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
FOREST COUNTY TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP  
EAST FOREST HIGH SCHOOL  
FOREST AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
an affiliate of  
Bridge Builders Community Foundations**

The Scholarship Committee will consider the following when awarding a scholarship.

- A. The award will be made to East Forest High School graduating seniors:
- B. The recipient must be a graduating senior at East Forest High School and have been a student at East Forest High School for at least two (2) years prior to graduating from High School and
- C. The following will be considered when awarding a scholarship:
  - Academic achievement including – courses taken and Grade Point Average;
  - Financial need;
  - Likelihood of success as a college, university or trade school student and
  - Community activities.
- D. The scholarship award will be for one year only.
- E. This scholarship award will be granted only to persons who attend a college, university, technical or trade school, and scholarship grants will be disbursed only for the benefit of applicants who are accepted by and attendance their school of choice.

**SUBMISSION:** The following items must be filed by **March 31, 2012.**

Mail all items to:

Bridge Builders Community Foundations  
206 Seneca Street  
Oil City, PA 16301  
Phone: (814) 677 - 8687

1. **Application:** The attached application should be completed in full, signed and returned promptly.
2. **Secondary School Transcript & Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores:** You should request that your high school guidance counselor submit your permanent record including the courses and grades obtained to date, class rank and College Board Test (SAT) scores. Each applicant desiring to attend an accredited college must take the Scholastic Aptitude Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board in January or earlier. Make application for these tests at your guidance office.
3. **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (F.E.R.P.A.)**  
You must sign and return to this office the Social Security Number **F.E.R.P.A.** Release form (a parent must also sign if you are under 18 years of age on the day you sign the form.)
4. **2011 Income Tax Return** - Your parents must submit a true and correct signed copy of their Income Tax Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ for 2011. If you E-FILED your return, please sign and include a copy of your e-return. (Be sure to include the page of the tax form that has the signature on it.) If you filed an income tax return for 2011, a signed copy must be submitted. Please send the **entire tax return including all schedules.**
5. **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** Even if your college or university does not require a FAFSA application, you must complete this form in order to receive any scholarship administered by Bridge Builders Community Foundations

Please do not submit this page with your application. You should remove and retain these instructions. Any fees or charges of any kind must be paid by the applicant.





**INFORMATION ON THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT(F.E.R.P.A.)  
AND USE OF YOUR  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

The F.E.R.P.A. of 1974 requires that each federal, state or local agency that asks for your social security number or other information must tell you the following:

1. Its legal right to ask for the information and whether the law says you must give it;
2. What purpose this agency has in asking for it and how it will be used; and
3. What could happen if you do not give it.

The number is needed to be sure we know who you are, to process your application, and to keep track of your record. We use your social security number in recording information about your college attendance; and in making sure that you have received the benefit of this scholarship. If you do not give us your social security number, you will not receive aid from the Forest County Taxpayers Association Scholarship. Forest County Taxpayers Association Scholarship applicants are hereby advised that disclosure of their social security number is a requirement and a condition for receiving the Forest County Taxpayers Association Scholarship. This agency, without such an identifier, would have difficulty in maintaining proper program records. Section 7(a)(2) of the F.E.R.P.A. provides that an agency may continue to require the disclosure of an individual's social security account number where the agency required this disclosure under statute or regulations prior to January 1, 1975, in order to verify the identity of the individual. Beginning in 2008 applicants for Forest County Community Foundation scholarships have been required to answer all questions completely or face disqualification for grant assistance. All subsequent forms utilized by this agency contain the social security account number as the identifier of the applicant, including eligibility announcements forwarded to the student and the financial aid officer of the postsecondary institution.

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION**

By signing the application, I/we authorize this agency for any year in which the applicant is considered for the Forest County Taxpayers Association Scholarship: to make public announcement of any Forest County Taxpayers Association award made to the applicant; to investigate in any manner deemed appropriate by this agency, the eligibility of the applicant for a Forest County Taxpayers Association Scholarship; to forward to the postsecondary institution(s) which the applicant listed or subsequently indicates that the applicant may attend and to others administering financial aid which may bear on eligibility under the application, all information on any application and all information subsequently submitted to or acquired by the Agency. I/we also authorize and direct other federal, state and local government agencies, my high school, and my present and future employers to release to this agency information in their possession which may bear on my eligibility under the application. I/we understand that all documents submitted to this agency become the property of this agency and cannot be returned. I/we declare under penalty of the criminal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the application has been examined by me/us and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete application. I, the applicant, understand that this scholarship, if awarded, cannot exceed unpaid charges by the institution for educational costs as determined by this agency (tuition and mandatory fees, room and board, and an academic year allowance for books.)

**STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION**

By signing the Application for the Forest County Taxpayers Association Scholarship, I/we hereby affirm that the signature below constitutes acceptance of the Statement of Certification of Authorization on this page, which is incorporated herein by reference and which I/we have read, understand, agree to and certify.

**SIGNATURE OF STUDENT** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required if student is less than the age of 18)