

18th Annual John Sampier Fightn' Muskrat Character Scholarship



2020-21 Application



In Memory of John Francis Sampier – 1988 AHS Graduate

Scholarship Committee Members:

- Dennis Sampier – 1990 AHS graduate...1995 Central Michigan University graduate...Senior Director Strategic Development Bump 50:50-Sportech Racing//Digital.

John Sampier Fightn' Muskrat Scholarship Criteria:

The 18th annual John Sampier Fightn' Muskrat Character scholarship will be awarded to a graduating 2021 senior who demonstrates the ability to rise above their circumstances simply because they are determined to be winners.

2020-21 Award:

- Amount TBD
- Winner to be announced at the Algonac High School Senior Awards Assembly.

Scholarship Application Requirements / Fulfillment:

- Applicants must be a 2021 Algonac High School graduating senior.
- Must meet scholarship criteria, submit essay, and demonstrate superior financial need.
- No minimum GPA required.
- The scholarship is awarded via check made out to student following successful completion of first semester of college (Minimum 12 credits/2.8 GPA/With passing grade in all classes), including proof of enrollment as full-time student for the following semester.

All applicants to include a cover sheet with the following support information:

- First/Last name, email address, home mailing address, and contact number(s).
- Name of the school the student plans to attend to pursue advanced education.
- The degree/field of interest the student plans to pursue.

Scholarship Essay:

Applicants are to answer the following questions, in essay format, which allows applicants freedom to fully express themselves and share context regarding their unique situations:

1. Tell us about yourself!
 - a. Share attributes that best describe you.
 - b. What are your interests? What is important to you? What defines you?
2. What is your vision for your future after high school?
3. How will your education help you achieve your career goals?
 - a. What will be your major/minor?
 - b. How long do you anticipate it will take you to complete your education?
 - c. Do you plan gain experience within your chosen field within on-campus activities and/or internships?
 - d. What do you feel will be the biggest challenges to complete your education?
 - e. Approx 50% of college freshman will not graduate: Why do you believe you will overcome any challenges and obstacles to complete your education?
4. Explain your financial need and any circumstances that contribute to your financial need:
 - a. Share any support information you would like in how you plan to pay for college, including any cost cutting strategies and/or sacrifices you plan to make, i.e. attending community college to take your GenEd classes, and/or summer courses at a community college, living off campus, take a financial literacy class, how you will earn money during winter/spring/summer breaks, etc.

Optional:

- One Letter of Recommendation.
- Completed Budget Worksheet (see below/attached).
- Resume (see below/attached).

Selection Process:

1. All applicants to be reviewed by each scholarship committee member, in which finalists will be identified.
2. Finalists to be interviewed in-person at Algonac High School by members of the scholarship committee in late April/early May, 2021.

Did You Know:

- *Less than one-third of Americans hold at least a Bachelor's degree.*
- *College graduates out-earn people without college degrees by over 60%.*
- *Four-Year-Myth: 19% of college students complete a bachelor's degree in four years and 36% of college students complete their degree on time.*
- *Business is still the most common college major (Approx 20%).*
- *1,750,000 college graduates per year.*
- *1,125,000 students drop out of college per year.*
- *1,125,000 college students transfer per year.*
- *60% of bachelor's degree recipients change colleges, with almost half of them losing credits.*
- *The average student loan debt upon graduation is over \$30,000.*
- *23% of full-time college students work 20 hours or more a week.*
- *The average family income for 50% of under-graduates is less than \$40,000.*
- *Average number of missed classes per college student each year is 26.*
- *Average number of dropped classes per college student each year is two.*
- *Average number of parking tickets per college student each year is two!*

Application Deadline – March 15, 2021

Optional:

- (1) Letter of Recommendation.
- Completion of Budget Worksheet (Template provided as attachment).
- 1-page Resume (Template provided as attachment).

BUDGET WORKSHEET:

INCOME	
	Monthly Expected Income
Work Study / Part-time job	\$
Scholarships	\$
Grants	\$
Tax Refund	\$
Savings	\$
Financial Aid	\$
Money from home	\$
Student Loans	\$
Miscellaneous	\$
TOTAL:	

EXPENSES	
	Monthly Expected Expenses
Tuition	\$
Room and Board	\$
Textbook and School Supplies	\$
Equipment	\$
School and Activity Fees	\$
Rent	\$
Utilities	\$
Cable/Internet	\$
Cell Phone	\$
Food	\$
Eating Out	\$
Entertainment	\$
Vehicle - Payment	\$
Vehicle - Gas	\$
Insurance	\$
Other	\$
TOTAL:	

DIFFERENCE	
Total Monthly Income	\$0
Minus Total Monthly Expenses	\$0
DIFFERENCE <i>This number should be positive!</i>	\$0

RESUME:

Name

Email Address - Contact #

SUMMARY

Attributes, characteristics, and career goals here.

Work Experience

Title, Location

End Date

Start Date /

- List responsibilities.
- List responsibilities.
- List responsibilities.
- List accomplishment(s)

Title, Location

End Date

Start Date /

- List responsibilities.

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- List accomplishment(s)

**Title, Location
End Date**

Start Date /

- List responsibilities.
- List responsibilities.
- List responsibilities.
- List accomplishment(s)

Volunteering

**Title, Location
End Date**

Start Date /

- List responsibilities.
- List accomplishment(s)

**Title, Location
End Date**

Start Date /

- List responsibilities.
- List accomplishment(s)

**Title, Location
End Date**

Start Date /

- List responsibilities.
- List accomplishment(s)

Education

Algonac High School, Algonac, MI

AFFILIATIONS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS

- **List here**
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