Esther Singer Scholarship Guidelines

Sponsored by the St. Joseph County Extension Homemakers Association

All applications & references must be received by
March 15 of the current year

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

Who's Eligible

- A St. Joseph County 4-H Member with a minimum of five years.
  OR
- 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.

Required References–Three (3)

- From adults within the community, **excluding relatives and/or family friends**.
- Examples of acceptable references include, but aren't limited to, 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–this will be used for a press release if the applicant is chosen. The picture will be returned.

Amount

- $500.00 for one year.

Award

- Winners will be notified by **April** of the current year.
- Winners will be announced and invited to the St. Joseph County Extension Homemakers Spring or Summer council meeting.
- 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 1 of the current year.

Due Date

- *All applications must be received or postmarked by March 15 of the current year.* **Incomplete applications and applications received after this date will not be considered.**
- If March 15 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the application will be due the following Monday.

Mail To

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

Email To

Beth Evans (bevans4@purdue.edu)

For Additional Applications Download @ Purdue Extension SJC's 4H & Youth tab. Navigate to the Scholarships & Awards heading. Encountering issues? Call Purdue Extension St. Joseph County (574-235-9605) for an application.

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Esther Singer Scholarship Application

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for the 2027 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 _____

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

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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)

Sports, music, theatre, public speaking, debating team, FFA, DECA, etc. _____

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Offices held in school and other organizations (include years) _____

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Awards, trips, committee work (include years) _____

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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_____ # 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 may be 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(s) 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 any 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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Please continue to the next page for the next portion of the application.

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

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Attn: Esther Singer Scholarship
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Email To

Beth Evans (bevans4@purdue.edu)

Reference forms are included with this application. *Ensure references have your name on the outside of the front of the envelope if mailed.* If references are emailed, they must be emailed directly to Beth Evans (bevans4@purdue.edu).

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 questions

Alene Klopfenstein (Chairwoman) | 574-250-8848

Lynn Lambert | 574-679-4691

Luann Mayer | 574-286-0362

Please continue to the next page for the reference form that is to be completed and sent to the Extension Office or emailed to Beth Evans (information listed above).

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

Reference for _____

Filled out by _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

In what capacity have you known the applicant and for how many years? _____

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How would you rate the applicant's degree of interest in schooling and education? _____

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In your opinion, does the applicant need financial support for further education?

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Why should this person receive the Esther Singer Scholarship?

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