



Chamber Ambassador Scholarship

2022-2023 NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DESCRIPTION:

The Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors are the public relations arm of the Chamber. Chamber "Green Coats" work to create an atmosphere of goodwill within our community as the official representatives of the Chamber and our business community. Chamber Ambassadors conduct Ca\$h Mobs, ribbon cutting ceremonies, host Business After Hours events, organize the Chamber's All Member Invitational Golf Outing, Annual Meeting, and volunteer at multiple other Chamber events throughout the year.

Funds for Chamber scholarships are raised through the Annual Chamber Ambassador Golf Outing, held each July.

A Scholarship Committee (made up of Chamber Ambassadors) will evaluate all applications and personally interview the finalists selected, based on the qualifications noted below.

Payments will be made to the College upon receipt of the student's first semester's official transcript (GPA of at least 2.5 required). Scholarships must be claimed within 18 months from the date the scholarship was awarded.

AMOUNT:

- One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

ELIGIBILITY:

- This scholarship is for a non-traditional student. (Do not apply if you are in high school)
A non-traditional student defined as:
 - Did not go directly to college the fall following high school?
 - Is returning to college, after a break in studies, to complete his/her degree; or
 - Is changing careers to pursue other employment options.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicants must be residents of Freeborn County.
- Applicants may be either part-time or full-time, undergraduate students in any year of study.
- Students who will be attending technical schools are eligible to apply.
- Please note: If you are a high school student, please do not complete this application.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Selection for non-traditional students is based on the information the applicant provides on this application. A Scholarship Committee (made up of Chamber Ambassadors) will evaluate all applications and may personally interview the finalists selected, based on the qualifications noted below.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Read all materials completely so you understand what is available, the criteria, and what is expected of you. **Materials must be submitted as a complete packet to be considered for a scholarship.** Packets must be received by April 14, 2023.

Packets MUST include the following items:

____ Application – Please do not forget to sign your application.

____ Personal data

Mail or hand deliver your packet to the Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber of Commerce at 132 N. Broadway Ave, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Non-Traditional Scholarship Application

Part-time or full-time students

If you are a high school student, please DO NOT complete this application.

Name _____

Address _____ County _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____

E-mail _____

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

How did you learn about our scholarship program? _____

College You Are Attending in the Fall: _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Previous College(s) Attended _____ GPA _____

_____ GPA _____

Please circle **ONE** field of study below:

Agriculture	Computer Science	Foreign Language	Nursing
Architecture	Criminal Justice	Graphic Design	Plumbing/HVAC
Arts/Music	Culinary Arts	Hospitality/Tourism	Psychology
Biology	Economics	Human Services	Sciences
Business	Education	Law	Social Services
Chemistry	Engineering/Math/Technology	Liberal Arts	Undecided
Communications	Environmental Studies	Medicine (OT/PT/Speech/ Rad Tech/Athletic Training)	*Other: _____ _____

Personal Data:

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

- 1 - What are your educational goals and how do you intend to fulfill them?
- 2 - Why should the Chamber Ambassadors invest in your future?
- 3 - How will your education help you contribute to our community?

List all community activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years (e.g. music, sports, church work, volunteer work, etc.).

If unable to participate, state reasons.

Please explain any unusual hardships, or special family or personal circumstances you would like the scholarship committee to take into consideration when reviewing your application. (use additional pages if needed)

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper to complete any of the above.

Application packets will NOT be accepted after April 14, 2023.

Don't forget to sign your application!