

**Election Ambassadors Scholarship Fund
Through The Defiance Area Foundation
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Rod and Tonya Wichman established this fund to reach voters at an early age and educate them on their opportunities. The goal is to encourage more juniors and seniors to work at the polls, get involved in the election process, and provide a better understanding of election systems. Ultimately, the hope is that these are the future leaders of Defiance County. The applicant will work with the board of elections during the Primary Election of 2022 by helping with set up, being a poll worker or helping election night with returns as well as assist in student voter registration with an already engaged teacher at their high school. The ambassador will also assist the Board of Elections in recruiting student poll workers.

Eligible Applicants / Qualified Persons:

Junior or Senior from a Public High School in Defiance County
Must be in good standing at their high school
Intend to graduate from College with a Bachelor's Degree, Associate's Degree, or from a Vocational or Trade School

Application Information

Applications should be mailed to Tonya Wichman 1690 Woodhurst Dr Defiance OH. 43512. Applications will be accepted with a **postmark no later than March 31**. The student will make application on the designated form that follows and will provide the following additional information attached to the application:

A short essay on the importance of Democracy and how the applicant plans to make a difference in their community
A current resume

Employer	Start date	End date	Hours per week	Duties

Extracurricular Activities

List all campus activities in which you have participated during your year(s) in High School (e.g. music, clubs, theatre, student government, etc.).

Activity	No. of years	Letter # of years	Special Awards/Honors/Offices held

Sports Participation

List the years you have participated in high school sports.

Sport	No. of years	Letter # of years	Special Awards/Honors/Offices held

Community Service

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during your year(s) in high school (e.g. church, volunteer, tutor, etc.).

Activity	No. of years	Special Awards/Honors/Offices held

PART III – APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Check the items you have included and provide an **explanation** for any items that will be mailed at a later date.

Current cumulative GPA _____

Current Resume

Application signed by parents and teacher of choice

You may include a letter of recommendation

Essay

Essay – Explain interest in Democracy and community leadership, any circumstances or factors, which you feel warrant special attention, including what qualities you feel would make you a good candidate for the Elections Ambassador Program. Please include any future or life goals if know. Attach this information, typed and double spaced, to your application.

I, _____, hereby consent, approve, and authorize the Defiance Area Foundation and/or any of its Applicable Committees, for the sole purpose of my being considered for this award, to contact, verify and obtain any and all academic and/or financial records from any high school, university or college identified above. Further, I consent and approve the use of a copy of this application for the purpose of obtaining such information in lieu of an original and that same may be faxed, mailed, or e-mailed to any such institution so identified above. Said consent and/or authorization is granted for the entire year in which the application or grant of scholarship applies.

By affixing my signature to this application, I verify that all statements above are true.

Signature _____ Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION:

I have reviewed and understand the conditions of the scholarship program and give my consent for my child to participate in activities in coordination with the Defiance County Board of Elections. I understand the location of this off-site activity will be a polling location within Defiance County or at the board office. I give my permission for my student to be photographed at these events.

Date:

Parent Phone: (____) _____ - _____

STUDENTS: RETURN COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDING TEACHER

I have verified this student is at in good standing and displays good character.

_____ (signature)