

**Virginia Lenhart Memorial Scholarship Fund
For Academic Excellence
Through The Defiance Area Foundation
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Virginia Vaughn Lenhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Virginia Vaughn Lenhart Scholarship is a \$1000 award to be given to a graduating senior of Defiance High School who strives for academic excellence and is poised to make a positive impact in their future.

A beloved educator and lifelong Defiance resident, Virginia Vaughn Lenhart (DHS Class of '39) believed dearly in the power and the gift of education. She was proud to receive her college degree in Education from Bowling Green State University and used it to assist others as a teacher and tutor throughout her lifetime. She believed in academic excellence, for which this scholarship is to be awarded.

Selection for this scholarship will be made by The Defiance Area Foundation Scholarship Committee (based on the criteria listed below).

The recipient will generally rank at or near the top of their class (top 20%), pursue the most rigorous course load available, and demonstrate kindness and leadership ability. The recipient is committed to enroll in a four-year college in the fall immediately following high school completion. The award is intended to be used only for tuition and/or required fees, books, or required academic supplies.

This scholarship is open to all applicants who meet the GPA requirements, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, religion, sexual identity, citizenship status, or any other background factors. We are looking for passionate young leaders with a commitment to lifelong scholarship and helping others. Financial need should be a consideration when selecting between equally meritorious candidates.

This **\$1,000** scholarship will be made payable directly to the college or university.

Eligible Applicants / Qualified Persons:

Defiance High School graduating senior with a GPA of 3.5 or higher in all four years of High School

Will graduate near the top 20% (or 10%) of their senior class
Intend to graduate from College with a Bachelor's Degree

Application Information

Applications should be completed and mailed to Defiance Area Foundation, 613 West Third St., Defiance, OH. 43512. Applications will be accepted with a **postmark no later than March 31**. The student will make application on the designated form and will provide the following additional information attached to the application:

- Financial Aid Award Letter
- College fee sheet
- High School transcripts

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PART I – APPLICANT INFORMATION – print or type

Name:

_____ last first middle

Permanent Address:

_____ street address

_____ city state

zip

Date of Birth: _____

Sex: M F

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

College: _____ Expected College Graduation Date: _____

College: City, State, Zip: _____

College Acceptance Letter Received (date) _____

PART II – ACTIVITIES – attach separate sheet if necessary.

Work Experience-List your work experience.

Employer	Start date	End date	Hours per week	Duties

Extracurricular / Leadership Skills and 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 / Outreach

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

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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 _____

Class Ranking _____

High School Transcripts

School Fee Sheet

Financial Aid Award letter attached

Financial Aid Summary (Indicating financial need)

Current annual cost of college tuition, room and board for a full-time student

\$ _____

Essay – Explain any circumstances or factors, which you feel warrant special attention, including family history, unusual personal, family or financial circumstances or challenges. 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
