

**The Erica J. Strausbaugh Culinary Arts/Food Science Scholarship Fund
Through The Defiance Area Foundation
613 West Street St., Defiance, OH. 43512 Phone (419) 782-3130
www.defianceareafoundation.org**

Erica J. Strausbaugh Culinary Arts/Food Science Scholarship Fund

Erica graduated from Tinora High School in 1997. She always had an interest and love of baking. In 1998 she attended Culinary Arts School at The Disney Institute and met and became connected with Johnson and Wales University. This launched her desire to attend that University and she graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2001. Tragically, she passed away less than three weeks after her graduation. The Strausbaugh Family established a scholarship fund in 2018 in her memory. An award of \$1,000 will be awarded annually. There is a \$500 renewable scholarship for the second year.

Eligible Applicants / Qualified Persons:

- Graduate from any Defiance County High School or Four County Vocational School
- Age 25 years old or younger
- Intend to graduate with a Degree in Culinary Arts, Food Science or Hospitality
- Note: If awarded, payment is made in December after completion of first semester

Application Information

Applications should be 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 that follows.

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PART I – APPLICANT INFORMATION – print or type

Name: _____
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Permanent Address: _____
street address

_____ city state zip

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: M F

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ School of Choice: _____

City, State, Zip

PART II – ACTIVITIES – attach separate sheet if necessary.

Work Experience-List your work experience.

Employer	Start date	End date	Hours per week	Duties

Extracurricular Activities

List campus activities in which you have participated during your year(s) High School (e.g. music, clubs, theatre, student government, 4-H 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 _____
- School Fee Sheet (attached)
- Financial Aid Award letter (attached)
- Financial Aid Summary indicating financial need (attached)
- 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 share where you might see yourself in one year after completion of your post-high school education. 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 university or college, identified previously in this application and any necessary academic and/or attendance records from any high school that I have attended. 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 for purpose herein stated. 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 _____