

**GUIDELINES FOR THE
MERLE A. BIEDER
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

ORIGIN

MERLE A. BIEDER was a 1953 graduate of Ashtabula High School. Merle began working on Main Street in Ashtabula as a projectionist at the local movie theater. Soon he was developing film with his brother at their film development shop on Main Street. Eventually, Merle started the Ashtabula Travel Center which operated on Main Street from 1951 until his death. Merle wished to establish this scholarship to assist any qualified Lakeside High School graduate who has demonstrated initiative, presented a positive commitment for the future and will pursue an education in a recognized trade, business, technical or college institution.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Applications will be made available in the Lakeside High School Guidance Office.
2. Applicant must be:
 - A. American citizen
 - B. Senior at Lakeside Senior High School (or a Senior Lakeside student attending the ACJVS) and have a grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 by the end of seven (7) semesters of high school.
3. The application must be completed in full and submitted along with the following by April 15:
 - A. Copy of high school transcript (through 7 semesters)
 - B. Copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
 - C. Copy of the SAR (Student Aid Report)
 - D. Two References
 - E. List of Leadership Activities
 - F. Written essay of not less than 250 words stating your reasons for requesting this Bieder Scholarship
4. The scholarship will be presented at the awards ceremony in the spring of the year.
5. The Treasurer will be notified by the high school principal's office of the scholarship recipient(s) by purchase order so that a check may be issued directly to the institution.

DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 2019

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The scholarship funds will be provided from an interest bearing expendable trust fund to be administered by the school district. Both interest and principal may be used to award scholarships. Additional gifts and grants may be added to the scholarship fund.

Scholarship maximum will be \$1,000.00 per year per person. There shall be five scholarships awarded every year, as long as there are qualified applicants, until this fund is exhausted.

The check will be made out to the school where the recipient intends on attending.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

If no students apply or none meets the qualifications specified, the interest monies shall become part of the principal, interest from which shall be included with distribution and given to the next recipient(s) selected by the Scholarship Committee provided that the total scholarship amount does not exceed \$1,000.00 per recipient.

Should it be deemed necessary, the Scholarship Committee members or their agents shall have the right to change requirements, selection process, application, committee members, as well as fund managers of the scholarship fund as consistent with Board Policy and state law.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee will consist of Duane Arcaro, Christopher Altier and the Lakeside High School Guidance Counselor. Should any of the committee be unable to serve on the committee, they will select their replacements.

FUNDING

1. Gifts of cash and stock may be made to the Marie A. Bieder Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Treasurer, Board of Education of the Ashtabula Area City School District.
2. These funds and any funds yet to be received are hereby given to the Board of Education of the Ashtabula Area City School District for the ongoing management, control and administration, as outlined in these guidelines and as consistent with Board Policy and state law.

Acknowledged and agreed to by us, as revised on the 13th day September, 2010.

William Mitchell
Treasurer, Ashtabula Area City School

Duane Arcaro
Duane Arcaro, Trustee