



Cockerill-Stevenson Family Scholarship Application

Instructions for Scholarship Application

1. The attached application is to be used for the **Cockerill-Stevenson Family Scholarship** offered through the Tuscola County Community Foundation. **One (1) \$750 scholarship is available to be awarded to a senior student graduating from Caro High School who plans to attend a post-secondary school (including vocational programs, community college, college or university). Applicants will have a 3.0 grade point (consideration will be given to applicants with GPAs between 2.5 – 3.0 with explanation of extenuating circumstance). The scholarship award will be distributed to the post-secondary school.**
2. Applications and required attachments must be **postmarked on or before March 15, 2026:**

**Tuscola County Community Foundation
Cockerill-Stevenson Family Scholarship
P.O. Box 534
Caro, MI 48723**

3. Applications are to be typed or legibly printed in ink and must be signed by the applicant. Unsigned applications will not be considered.
4. **Submit the application, one official high school transcript and an essay. All submitted materials must be single-sided and not stapled.**
5. Attach to the application an essay (not to exceed two typed pages, double-spaced, 12 point font, not staple) addressing the following:
 - Address your motivation to use your personal skills and abilities beyond academic performance to “do good” in the community over the course of your high school career (kindness to others less fortunate, overcoming adversity, ability to get along in diverse situations, volunteer experiences).
 - Applicants having a GPA – less than 3.0 should provide an explanation of extenuating circumstances in their essay.



Cockerill/Stevenson family facts and philosophy

The extended Cockerill family has lived in greater Caro for over a century; and, for approximately 75 of those years, certain Cockerill/Stevenson family members lived in the “Big House” next to the Michigan Sugar Factory in town. Family patriarch Tom Cockerill worked as an accountant for Michigan Sugar, while his wife Dorothy Cockerill worked in the knife sharpening department. Years later their daughter, JoAnn, lived in the “Big House” and raised her six Stevenson children there beginning in 1970. She sold the home to her son, Robert Stevenson, in 2010. The home was later sold to a family friend.

Tom and Dorothy Cockerill’s family “branches” directly include not only Cockerills and Stevensons, but also O’Briens and Stuarts; the majority of their children and grandchildren grew up in greater Caro and attended Caro Community Schools. This scholarship honors the extended family’s legacy in the greater Caro area and the many family members who got their educational start in the Caro Community School system before going on to successful careers in education, public service, industrial arts, leadership, technology, academia, and a host of other diverse fields. The family firmly believes that every student should have the opportunity to succeed regardless of background, ability, hardships faced, and via whatever “educational” pathway they find most useful—traditional education, vocational/technical school, or other pathways as appropriate.

The family is proud to support a deserving Caro student(s) with this scholarship as they graduate and pursue the opportunities their future holds!



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Date of Birth: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Tuscola County Resident: _____ Yes _____ No

List your grade point average using a 4 pt. scale: _____ ACT / SAT Score: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of parent/guardian: _____ Occupation _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

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Post-secondary school you are planning to attend: _____

First generation post-secondary attendee in your family? _____ YES _____ NO

Major field of study: _____

How is your post-secondary education being financed?

_____ %Parents	_____ %Scholarships
_____ %Savings	_____ %Work
_____ %Loans	_____ %Other

Please list scholarships applied for: _____

Please list scholarships granted and amounts: _____

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Using only the space below, list extracurricular, community and religious activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years. **Please list them in order of importance to you.**

Activity	Num. of Years	Leadership Positions, Awards and Recognitions

WORK EXPERIENCE

Using only the space below, please list your paid work experience during the past four years, beginning with your most recent positions.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates of Employment	Hrs/Week

CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to having my name and image likeness included in public/media releases. If under 18, parent/guardian must also sign.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date