

The Ernie Davis Scholarship Committee

c/o The Community Foundation

301 S. Main St., Horseheads, NY 14845

General Instructions for the 2018 Ernie Davis Scholarship

The Ernie Davis Scholarship is a scholarship of up to \$15,000 awarded to a student who exhibits qualities of integrity, leadership, courage and humility, which were exemplified by Ernie Davis during his life, and who effectively “spreads the word” about Ernie. In addition, the committee will award a Marty Harrigan Scholarship to a nominee who also effectively “spreads the word”. The student must be graduating from an accredited high school in Chemung County, or a high school in Corning, New York.

While attendance at a four-year college is preferable, applicants will be considered who attend a two-year college with serious intention of transferring to a four-year college. The candidate shall have been a good, responsible and concerned citizen of his/her high school and community. The candidate should have participated as a member of a varsity team in a sport in which the applicant’s high school fields a team. Financial need may be considered in awarding this scholarship.

Special Factors: The student must have guidance counselor approval before applying for this scholarship.

The applicant can choose to either “spread the word” via a project that he/she created or by volunteering for 44 hours or more while spreading the word about Ernie Davis. Learn more at

www.erniedavisscholarship.org

Please return the following to the Community Foundation, 301 S. Main Street, Horseheads, NY 14845 by **April 4, 2018**:

- A completed application form
It is important that you answer ALL the appropriate questions.
- A typed essay
See application form for essay topic and specifications
- 2 reference letters
- A transcript that includes **GPA of 80 or higher**, class rank and SAT/ACT scores
- A copy of your parent/legal guardian’s most recent tax return
- Copy of any materials used for project/volunteer service. If you are submitting your project via a CD/Flash drive please provide 10 copies with your packet for the selection committee.

The project will be graded based on the following criteria: 40 pts. for Spreading the Word, 30 pts. for Character/Leadership, 10 pts. for Sports participation, 10 pts. for Academics, 10 pts. for Financial Need if needed in case of a tie.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie McConville at cmm@communityfund.org or (607) 739-3900. Application forms may be reproduced.

Please attach a copy of your transcript that includes class rank, GPA of 80 or higher, SAT or ACT score.

Please indicate any unusual family or personal circumstances you feel warrant attention:

ESSAY

After researching the life and qualities of Ernie Davis, write a 2-4 single sided page essay about how you “spread the word” about this great athlete, community member and humanitarian. **Please submit in typed, double spaced format.**

REFERENCES

Please provide the Foundation with **two** references from people familiar with your goals and attributes. Your references can be attached to your application or sent independently. If they are sent independently, please indicate your name and that it is for the Ernie Davis Scholarship.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

* To be signed by parent or guardian

I understand that tax return forms provide information to be used in the consideration of finalists for awards made by the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. Foundation staff considers family size and annual income in order to assign a financial need code. The information submitted is held in strictest confidence and shredded after the selections have been made.

I hereby authorize the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. to share this information with members of Ernie Davis Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date _____

Date _____

Certification

I hereby affirm that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am aware of the conditions under which the awards are made and promise to inform the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. of any change in circumstances of any additional aid received.

Applicant's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date _____

Date _____

I am an applicant for the Ernie Davis Scholarship. As such, I agree to strive diligently to achieve and maintain the highest standards both academically and athletically. I agree to learn more about Ernie Davis's life, and most importantly I will emulate, to the best of my ability, his care and concern for others.

Finally, if I am awarded the scholarship I will share with my local schools and my community Ernie Davis's ideals to help students become more aware of his principles and to help instill those high ideals in the students.

Applicant's Signature

Date _____

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