2014 Scholarship Application

History:
The Ohio Township Association’s scholarship program was made possible by a generous donation from former board member Paul Smith, and his wife Ethel, in 2005. Since then, the scholarships have been funded through donations from County Township Associations, personal donations, and proceeds from the OTA’s annual golf outing. The OTA provides the scholarships to help educate high school students about local government opportunities and further their education.

Who:
High school seniors who are U.S. citizens; reside in an Ohio township; and plan to attend a two or four-year Ohio college or university in the fall of 2014.

What:
Three scholarships in the amount of $1,500 each. There are two categories: Local Government Achievement (two scholarships awarded) and Academic Achievement (one scholarship awarded). You must be able to demonstrate outstanding citizenship through service and participation in community activities to be eligible for the Local Government Achievement Scholarship. To apply for the Academic Achievement Scholarship, you must have a B average (cumulative) and at least a 22 ACT or 1000 SAT score.

Where:
The scholarship application is available as a pullout in the September/October issue of the Ohio Township News, the bi-monthly magazine of the Ohio Township Association, or on the Association’s website at www.ohiotownsips.org. Applications must be sent to Muskingum University, the program administrator. Please note: all questions regarding the scholarship program should be directed to the Ohio Township Association at 614.863.0045. Muskingum University selects winners only and cannot answer questions regarding the application process.

When:
The application is available beginning in September each year. The application deadline is Jan. 31, 2014. Finalists will be notified by March 28 and winners will be announced May 1.

How:
To apply for either scholarship, you must submit:
• Completed application form;
• Statement of activities, honors and leadership including school and community activities and years in which you participated. Identify leadership positions or awards you received;
• Copy of high school transcript;
• College admission test scores;
• Two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or community leaders;
• A 500-word essay on the importance of local government in Ohio for the Academic Achievement Scholarship, and detailing a community project or event you participated in that made an impact on your life for the Local Government Achievement Scholarship.

Students may apply for both scholarships, however, applications and accompanying materials must be submitted in two separate envelopes. Students can win only one scholarship.
2014 Application

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ___________________________________________________________________

Phone: _____________________________ Email: _____________________________________

Township: __________________________ County: ___________________________________

High School: _____________________________________________________________________

High School Address: _____________________________________________________________

GPA: ____________  ACT: ____________ SAT: ____________

College/University Attending: _______________________________________________________

College/University Address: ________________________________________________________

Certification:
I hereby certify that the information provided is truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby apply for (choose one) the OTA Local Government Achievement Scholarship _____, or the OTA Academic Achievement Scholarship ______. I further certify that I am not receiving an Ohio Township Association 4-H Local Government Scholarship (students are not eligible for both awards).

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
2014 Checklist

- Application form
- Statement of activities, honors and leadership
- Copy of high school transcript
- College admission test scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- Essay

Please direct all questions relating to the OTA Scholarship Program to the Ohio Township Association at 614.863.0045 or hall@ohiotownships.org.

Submit all of the above items in one envelope by January 31, 2014 to:

Muskingum University
Attn: Beth DaLonzo
163 Stormont St.
New Concord, Ohio 43762