



ERNST R. BEHREND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

(Founder of Hammermill Paper Company)

GUIDELINES – New Applicants

Please Note: All applications must be submitted on-line

Amount

- Standard Scholarships – \$2,000 - \$4,000
- Achievement Scholarships – \$6,000 - \$8,000

Eligibility

- The Ernst R. Behrend Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for post-secondary education for Erie County, PA high school seniors who would benefit from such education, as evidenced by superior academic records or other promise of outstanding academic success, and who have a demonstrated financial need. **First preference shall be given to qualified lineal descendants of former employees of Hammermill Paper Company or its corporate successor, International Paper Company**, who reside in Erie County, PA. If there are insufficient qualified applicants in the first category, second preference shall be given to other high school seniors residing in Erie County, Pa.
- The Advisory Committee generally limits eligibility to the children of parents whose combined income is below \$80,000 per year, absent special circumstances. If parental income is above \$80,000, you will be asked to indicate your special circumstances that would justify the award of a scholarship.
- Scholarships are awarded for full-time undergraduate study for a maximum of four years. You will be eligible to reapply each year to renew your scholarship provided you maintain the minimum GPA required by the Scholarship Selection Committee. You will be notified each year of the minimum GPA that the Selection Committee will require for renewal of the scholarship in the following year.

Criteria

- Scholarships will be awarded to students based on **financial need and scholastic achievement**.
- Scholarship Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or better and a minimum combined Verbal, Mathematics & Writing SAT Score of 1650. Applicants with an exceptional record of academic achievement and qualifications may be considered for an Achievement Scholarship.
- **Transcripts**: A copy of the most current version of your **high school transcript that includes your cumulative grade point average**
- **Essay**: In five hundred (500) **typed** words or less, “why are you a worthy recipient of The Ernst R. Behrend Scholarship?”
- Copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (**SAR**) that provides your Estimated Family Contribution (**EFC**)
- Any other pertinent information as to your qualifications which may be of interest to the Advisory Committee may also accompany this application.
- Scholarships are limited to cover **tuition expenses only** and will be sent directly to your college of choice. If tuition charges are less than the scholarship award, the scholarship will be reduced accordingly.
- **Deadline for submitting scholarship applications – April 15.**

Please visit our website at www.eriecommunityfoundation.org
to complete and submit your application.