

TO: ALL 2026-2027 SENIORS ATTENDING WAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
or THE WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER in LIEU of WHS

FROM: KAREN MCGILLIVRAY, CHAIRPERSON OF THE OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL  
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Ohio Sauerkraut Festival sponsors a scholarship contest for outstanding young people in the community of Waynesville. It is open to Waynesville seniors who attend Waynesville High School or the Warren County Career Center in lieu of WHS. The judging will be based on your knowledge of the community, your contribution/ involvement to the community, academics, and self-presentation. The top scorers will be declared the winners. The number of scholarships available will be determined by the annual contributions received from the contributors.

All applicants are required to work in a Chamber Food/Drink Booth during the festival.

NOTE: If you are a winner, you will have until March 31, 2028, to claim your scholarship. You must have at least a 2.0 GPA in your first term of college and be a full-time student per the college/university standards or tech school standards.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Please fill out the attached form. This will be the judge's first impression of you so give it your full attention and best effort. Please TYPE your responses.
2. Turn in the application by 2:30 pm Thursday, September 17, 2026, at the high school counselor's office. Applications may also be mailed to the Chamber address listed below **prior** to this date. **No exceptions will be made.**
3. Submit a current photo with your application. This can be a copied photo.
4. During the week before the interview, someone from the Scholarship Contest Committee will contact each candidate.
5. All candidates must attend the interview event on **Sunday, September 27, 2026, beginning at 1:00 pm.** at the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce (174 S. Main St). The judges will take this opportunity to chat with you on a personal basis in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The interview will last between 5 and 8 minutes.
6. Before your interview begins you will be asked to sign up for a 2-hour volunteer shift at one of the Sauerkraut Festival food/drink booths. Please bring a calendar with you so you can sign up for a shift. **NOTE: if you don't work your shift, you become ineligible for any scholarships.**
7. All candidates will gather at the LCNB drive thru, at the corner of Main and North streets, on **Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 3:00 pm (during the festival).**
8. After gathering at the LCNB drive thru, all candidates will be required to turn in your approved volunteer sheet and will appear on stage at the Festival for the awards ceremony.

We are looking forward to getting to know you! We wish you the best of luck!

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## 2026 OHIO SAUERKRAUT FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE AND ADD EXTRA PAGES IF NECESSARY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHS STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ WCCC STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECT \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED COLLEGE CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES \_\_\_\_\_

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (OUTSIDE OF WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL):  
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**Please answer the following questions by typing your responses:**

1. What does the Waynesville community mean to you and what has been your involvement with the Ohio Sauerkraut Festival?
2. As an Ohio Sauerkraut Festival Scholarship winner, what contributions would you make to this community?
3. What current event (local, national, international) has impacted you or other students your age? In what way has it impacted you? Do you feel like you are able to impact the event/situation?
4. What are your future goals and ambitions? These can be career or personal life goals, and yes, you can be undecided! But give us a sense of what you'd like to happen in your life.
5. Tell us about a time when you showed compassion or kindness to another person. How did that affect the person? How did it affect you?

**Please type your responses.**

**DEADLINE IS 2:30 pm, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026**