

Lions of District 14-M



We Serve

## **Ross F. DiMarco Scholarship**

Recognizing Humanitarian Qualities

2024 – 2025 Academic Year

Five (5) scholarships are being offered to high school graduating seniors, residing within the boundaries of Lions District 14-M, which is comprised of Fayette, Greene, Somerset, and Washington Counties Pennsylvania. One scholarship from each county will be awarded. In addition, an additional scholarship will be awarded to one graduating senior at large from any of the four counties. The five (5) \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded to seniors that exemplify characteristics espoused by Lions Clubs International:

- Creates and fosters a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world
- Promotes the principles of good government and good citizenship
- Takes an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and/or moral welfare of the school and community
- Serves the school or community without personal financial reward

Preference will be given to applicants who are members in good standing of a Leo Club. The scholarship is intended to assist with tuition, housing, or books. The scholarship is not necessarily intended for the top academic student. Lionism occurs at all levels of the GPA spectrum. Only members of the Ross F. DiMarco Scholarship Committee will view the applications. All personal information will be held in confidentiality. The Ross F. DiMarco Scholarship Committee will inform the recipients of the scholarships. Presentation of the checks, in the amount of \$1,000.00, made payable to the student will be made at the District14-M Youth Awards on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at Venue 67 Event Center, 67 Connellsville St. Uniontown, PA 15401

Information:

- A copy (UNOFFICIAL COPIES ACCEPTED) of your High School Transcript must accompany this application.
- Proof of acceptance in an accredited school of higher education must accompany this application.
- Failure to comply with requirements/falsification of information will result in the application being disqualified!
- This application form is the only form that will be accepted by the DiMarco Scholarship Committee. It may be reproduced or copied. **YOU MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THIS FORM AND THE APPLICATION IN MS WORD FORMAT FROM PDG Robert Rafail at [lionrobertrafail@yahoo.com](mailto:lionrobertrafail@yahoo.com).** (If you do not get a response in 2 days, please call PDG Bob at 724-366-3732.)

The application must be received **BY MAIL** or **EMAIL** (You may attach or scan) no later than 12:00 PM March 1, 2025.

**Mail to PDG Robert E. Rafail, 149 N. Gallatin Ave., Uniontown, PA 15401 or  
Email to [lionrobertrafail@yahoo.com](mailto:lionrobertrafail@yahoo.com) If you have questions, you may call 724-366-3732.**

Point System:

The scholarship is awarded based on a point system.

- 25 points maximum for accurate completion of the application, including submission of required financial, academic and acceptance documentation.
- 10 Point maximum for financial need, special circumstances, or extra-ordinary expenses are considered.
- 5 points for additional dependent children attending a post-secondary school at the same time as the applicant.
- 10 points for class rank in the top 1/3 of the class or 5 points for class rank in the middle 1/3 of the class.
- 40 points maximum for the narrative about the applicant's intended career and the impact of the career on service to others..
- 10 points if applicant is a member in good standing of a Leo Club.

**YOU MAY ALSO FIND COPIES OF THIS APPLICATION**

**Facebook: @District14-MLions or at the District 14-M Website: [district14mlions.com](http://district14mlions.com)**

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Confidential Information for Application

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Facebook: @District14-MLions, at our website district14mlions.com

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_ County of HS \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School Personnel in charge of Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Dependency Status: Dependent \_\_\_\_\_ Self Supporting \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of dependents in family, including you: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependents in family that will be attending College, or Career School next year, including yourself: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total household earnings preceding 12 months: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Parent is a member of a Lion or Lioness Club Y N

If so, which Club \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE This scholarship is partially based on applicant's financial needs. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

# Students in Senior Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Current Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ HS I Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Awards Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA : \_\_\_\_\_ QPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Curriculum: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Secondary School you Plan to Attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

One Year Tuition/Room Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Will you be: Full Time? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ Living on Campus Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Leo Club sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Emails will be accepted as your Electronic Signature)

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\*NOTE: NAMES OF APPLICANTS AND/OR RELATIVES MAY NOT APPEAR ON THE NARRATIVE PORTION OF YOUR APPLICATION  
NARRATIVE PORTION

ON SEPARATE SHEETS OF PAPER, OR AS AN ATTACHED TEXT DOCUMENTS SUCH AS MS WORD, COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THESE 5 NARRATIVES. NUMBER EACH AT THE TOP 1 - 5. COMPLETE ALL 5 DOCUMENTS AND SUBMIT ALONG WITH YOUR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHEET.) THESE 5 NARRATIVE SECTIONS MUST BE TYPED (HANDWRITTEN RESPONSES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED)  
At the top of each sheet submitted, include the name of the COUNTY WHERE YOU RESIDE and YOUR INITIALS ONLY.

(PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING ON THESE DOCUMENTS/ SHEETS.)

1. Indicate the activities you have been involved with in high school and describe your roles (in detail) and any office(s) you have held. THIS MAY BE EITHER AS A LIST OR NARRATIVE FORMAT
2. Detail any honors or recognition you have received while in high school. Include the level of each award such as national, state, regional, community, school, etc. THIS MAY BE EITHER AS A LIST OR NARRATIVE FORMAT
3. List any service activities that you have participated in or have taken a leadership role since seventh grade. Please indicate the grade(s) you were in when you participated in parenthesis before each activity (7, 8, 9, etc.) and indicate that you had a leadership role by an asterisk (\*). THIS MAY BE EITHER AS A LIST OR NARRATIVE FORMAT
4. Indicate special circumstances or extra-ordinary expenses that increase your need for scholarship assistance. Include specific information about how you plan to finance your education, e.g., scholarships, loans, grants, gifts, etc., and any special financial needs you may have. THIS MUST BE DONE IN NARRATIVE FORMAT
5. The motto of Lions across the world is WE SERVE. Write a brief narrative no longer than 300 words explaining how your life has impacted your community and others through service and how you will impact the community and others in the future because of your career choice. The narrative must be in essay form. Use extra sheets of paper, if necessary. THIS MUST BE DONE IN NARRATIVE FORMAT.

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