Sterbenz-Ryan Scholarship Application

*2021*

The Sterbenz-Ryan Scholarship was established in 2016 in memory of local businessmen Richard Sterbenz and Martin Ryan who wanted to “***give kids like them a shot at life they never had”***. Approximately 100 scholarships in the amount of $1,500 will be offered to eligible students who:

* have faced significant obstacles
* have demonstrated financial need
* attend or will attend a **public** college (technical, community or university)
	+ *in MN or WI only*
	+ *This scholarship will not be granted to private or for-profit institutions*

**\*\*\* The application must be postmarked by March 31, 2021.** Applicants will be notified in May 2021 and scholarship awards will be mailed directly to the institution by September 2021. Please plan accordingly.

Please select only ***ONE*** of the following options. I am a:

1. ( ) Somerset or Hudson High School graduate or graduating senior, ***continuing education in***

 ***tech/trades***

1. ( ) Graduating senior or **non-traditional student** currently residing in one of the following
 counties: Burnett, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix (WI) **or** Chisago or Washington (MN).
2. ( ) Student seeking to attend one of the following institutions *only*:
 Century College, Metropolitan State University or WITC.
3. ( ) Previous scholarship recipient seeking to reapply. (\****NOTE****:* if you are renewing your
 scholarship, please submit transcripts and this application (section III is *not* required)

***ALL*** applicants **must** submit**:** this **application** and **transcripts** (*grades*) ***NEW*** applicants **must also** submit**:** **(2) letters of recommendation** on letterhead (*for example, one from an employer and one from an educator; cannot be a family member*).

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 The St. Croix Valley Foundation fax: 715-386-1250

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 Hudson, WI 54016 online app: <https://www.scvfoundation.org/scholarships>

Please type or write legibly. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

1. **All Applicants – about you.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(\**please note: this email address will be used to contact you for scholarship renewal*)
 (OVER)

 **II. All applicants must submit transcripts (grades).** *If you are applying to renew your scholarship,* submit college transcripts (technical, community or university). **New applicants** must submit high school transcripts and/or any college transcripts from the past 2 years.

College you will attend in fall 2021:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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*\_\_\_\_ Pubic Vocational/Technical School\_\_\_\_ Public 2-yr Community/Junior College ­­\_\_\_\_* *Public University*

Planned major or course of study:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Year in school in the fall 2021:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently enrolled as a college student? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Will you be enrolled as a college student in the fall? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

 **III. NEW applicants only:** Tell us about yourself. Attach answers to this application.

1. **Life Circumstances:** *In 500 words or less*, please explain any special circumstances, hardships, or obstacles you have encountered and overcame in your life. (35 points)
2. **Work Experience:** Briefly describe your work experience during the past four years. Indicate company, dates of employment and positions held. (15 points)
3. **Goals:** Why are you seeking to further your education? Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
(10 points)
4. **Financial Need**: Briefly explain why a scholarship award is critical for financial reasons for you and/or your family. (30 points)
5. **Submit (2) letters of recommendation.** (10 points)

***NOTES*:**

Scholarship recipients are selected based on life circumstances, work experience, educational/career goals, financial need and letters of recommendation. Awards are granted without regard to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or national origin. Scholarship funds are made payable directly to the recipient’s educational institution in accordance with IRS regulations. To reapply, past scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.0 or higher and submit transcripts to be considered for another award. Non-traditional students returning to school are not required to submit transcripts over 2 years old. Questions? Please contact Heidi Herron at the St. Croix Valley Foundation (hherron@scvfoundation.org). Thank you!

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Applicant Signature DATE (END)