

**THE W. JAMES SPICER SCHOLARSHIP**  
**ADMINISTERED BY LEGACY FOUNDATION**  
*LAKE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY FOUNDATION*

**APPLICATION INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES**

***Eligibility Requirements***

1. Student must be a high school senior, as of September, at Wirt/Emerson School for the Visual and Performing Arts and thereby eligible to complete high school in the academic year in which this application is made.
2. Student must be pursuing higher education.
3. Student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

***Scholarship Guidelines***

Beginning in 2008, one \$1,000 nonrenewable scholarship will be awarded. (Subject to qualified applications.)

***Selection Criteria***

Selection of scholarship recipients will be based upon, but not limited to accomplishment in the social sciences.

***Application Instructions***

Your completed application must include:

- The completed application form typed or printed neatly in black or blue ink or completed on the internet at [www.legacyfdn.org/scholarships](http://www.legacyfdn.org/scholarships)
- 2 page typed essay, double spaced which answers the question: "What historical issue persists to be the greatest challenge facing the United States' society at this time?"
- Scholastic Profile Form completed by Guidance Counselor and in a sealed envelope (along with your official high school transcript. One Senior grading period **MUST** appear on the transcript).
- Two letters of recommendation. One from a teacher and the other from someone other than a family member who can attest to your character.
- A letter of acceptance from the school you will be attending in the fall.

***Application Deadline***

The completed application packet must be postmarked  
**By April 15th annually** and sent to:

Legacy Foundation, Inc.  
1000 E. 80<sup>th</sup> Place, 402 North  
Merrillville, IN 46410

If you have any questions, please call 219-736-1880 or  
email: [snicholls@legacyfdn.org](mailto:snicholls@legacyfdn.org)

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**APPLICATION**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION:

1. Please type or print all information using blue or black ink. (You can also access and complete the application online at [www.legacyfdn.org/scholarships](http://www.legacyfdn.org/scholarships))
2. Complete all questions; additional information may be provided on a separate sheet.
3. Include your written essay, typed, double-spaced and no longer than 2 pages.
4. Include two recommendation letters (One from a teacher and another from an adult other than a family member.)
5. Include the Scholastic Profile Form completed by your guidance counselor and an Official High School Transcript (which must include one senior grading period).
6. Include a letter of acceptance from the college or university you will be attending.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

**Colleges/Universities** - List the colleges/universities where you have applied and the status of the application:

College applied to:	Status of application:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> pending	<input type="checkbox"/> accepted
	<input type="checkbox"/> pending	<input type="checkbox"/> accepted
	<input type="checkbox"/> pending	<input type="checkbox"/> accepted

In what area of study do you intend to concentrate? \_\_\_\_\_

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## SCHOLASTIC PROFILE

(TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL)

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative **unweighted** grade point average **on a 4.0 scale:** \_\_\_\_\_

Curriculum program applicant followed in high school:

- Academic                                       Core 40                                       Vocational  
 Indiana Academic Honors Diploma       General

Honors Classes Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

SAT: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Written \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_ ACT: Composite Score \_\_\_\_\_

(You must provide official verification of the SAT/ACT scores.)

List any other high school(s) attended by the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check appropriate column that most adequately describes this student:

	Extremely appropriate	Very appropriate	Moderately appropriate	Inappropriate
The applicant's choice of a post-secondary education program is				
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	Extremely well	Very well	Moderately well	Not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to the community is	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
The applicant is able to seek, find and use learning resources	Extremely well	Very well	Moderately well	Not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	Extremely well	Very well	Moderately well	Not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through and completes tasks	Extremely well	Very well	Moderately well	Not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor

Any additional information you would like the Selection Committee to consider about this applicant?

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach a copy of the applicant's high school transcript(s).  
At least one Senior grading period MUST appear on the transcript.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Official's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of High School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Completed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

**Please place this completed form in a sealed envelope with the  
High School Transcript and return to the applicant.**

**Extra activities** - List activities in which you have participated during high school. Like athletics, music groups, drama clubs, Student Council, National Honor Society, academic teams, peer tutoring, teacher assistant, etc. Make sure to include any honors or special recognition that you have received. (You may use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.)

Extra-Curricular Activities	Year(s) of Participation (9, 10, 11, 12)	Positions of Leadership (if any)	Hours per week	Honors or Special Recognition Received
Example: Football	10, 11, 12	Senior Squad Captain	12 during football season	Senior - Most yards rushing

**Service to others, Community, Religious, and Civic Activities** – This category is for service projects (Boys & Girls Club, church youth groups, Scouts, etc.) volunteer activities at hospitals or for other organizations. List the estimated hours for each and the years in which you were involved.

Organization	Year/Date involved	Hours/Week	Activity
Example:			

**Work Experience** – List any paid employment below. List specific dates employed by using month/year.

Employer	Supervisor	Dates Employed	Hours/Week	Position
Example:		Beginning Date: 6/01/07 Ending Date: present		
		Beginning Date: Ending Date:		
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**Financial Information** – List all scholarships you have applied for and their status.

Name of Scholarships	Received or Pending	If pending, expected date of notification	Scholarship Amount
	<input type="checkbox"/> Received <input type="checkbox"/> Pending		\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Received <input type="checkbox"/> Pending		\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Received <input type="checkbox"/> Pending		\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Received <input type="checkbox"/> Pending		\$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Received <input type="checkbox"/> Pending		\$

**Financial Status**

- Estimated yearly household income (total income of those living in your home).
  - under \$20,000       \$20,000-\$40,000       \$40,000-\$60,000
  - \$60,000-\$80,000       over \$80,000
- How many siblings under 21 years of age are living in your home?     1-2       3-4  
 5-6       7-8       more than 8

**Essay Question**

A 2 page typed essay, double spaced with a #12 font (no smaller), that answers this question: **“What historical issue persists to be the greatest challenge facing the United States’ society at this time?”** Your essay will be evaluated by how well you do the following: Provide a thesis statement; support your opinions with facts or documentation; use clear logic; and use proper grammar.

## Certification

Legacy Foundation, Lake County's Community Foundation, is the administrator of this scholarship.

By completing and signing this form, the applicant agrees to the following:

1. I hereby affirm that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. I have read and understand the information provided on the Guidelines sheet and have had my questions answered satisfactorily by the Legacy Foundation.
3. I understand that this scholarship may only be used for tuition, fees and book expenses. Checks for tuition and fees will be issued directly to the school. If I choose to use this scholarship for books, I understand that I must contact the Legacy Foundation **before** the beginning of the academic year to receive instructions on the reimbursement for books.
4. I hereby agree to submit a copy of my tuition bill to the Legacy Foundation at the beginning of the academic year and an official copy of the transcript at the end of the academic year. Furthermore, I understand that no tuition checks will be issued without a copy of the tuition bill.
5. I understand that this scholarship is not renewable.
6. The Legacy Foundation has my permission to use any general information included in this application, as well as a recent photo, for publicity purposes.

Please sign and date this application:

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Applicant's Signature

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Date

**SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO:  
Wirt / Emerson VPA Academy  
Guidance Department**

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