



Merv Bartholow Memorial Scholarship

Presented by Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow

Guidelines 2025-2026

Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code.

The mission of Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow, Inc. is to facilitate and promote actions that will enhance quality of life through improved water quality for the benefit of recreation, agriculture, wildlife, and other users of the Buckeye Lake Watershed aquatic resources.

Our Vision is:

- to work with stakeholders who are committed to sustaining Buckeye Lake water resources for future generations to enjoy.
- to develop and implement a watershed action plan that results in improved water quality in the Buckeye Lake Watershed over the next ten years.
- to work with communities around Buckeye Lake to ensure a multijurisdictional plan is created to guide development in a lake-sustaining manner.
- to develop a long-term volunteer water quality monitoring program and share results with the community.
- to inform the public about the steps they can take to help improve the water quality of Buckeye Lake and the Buckeye Lake Watershed.

Our Objectives are:

- to promote the reduction of nonpoint pollution from all potential sources that may include agricultural, commercial, residential and recreation.
- to develop and offer youth-adult educational opportunities regarding relevant watershed management topics.
- to foster cooperation between agriculture, commercial residential and recreational interests in order to enable coordinated action toward common goals.
- to assist area decision makers in the development and coordinated adoption of sound watershed management policies.

Scope of the Award:

For 2025-2026 academic school year, Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow will present the Merv Bartholow Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.

Criteria and eligibility:

1. Applicant must attend Millersport High School.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have at least a 3.0 grade point average (or a "B" average).
4. Applicant must be pursuing a STEM, STEM education, or agricultural related field.
5. Applicant must provide evidence of acceptance and commitment to a 2- or 4-year institution of higher learning.

General Instructions:

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is Tuesday, **April 7, 2026** (no exceptions)
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., transcript, etc.). Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
5. Scholarship winners will be announced at Millersport High School Awards Assembly in May 2026.
6. If you have any questions about this application, please contact **Mr. John Phipps, counselor**.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
2. Three (3) recommendations from your choice of high school teachers, administrators, or counselors, with significant knowledge of applicant's academics, experience, and involvement. A signature is required for these recommendations. Letters are not required.
3. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
4. Completed Essay Question. Responses should be no more than 500 words in a typed, double-spaced, 12-point font document.

Deadline for the application is **April 7, 2026**

Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail OR submit application in person to:

Merv Bartholow Scholarship Committee
Lakewood High School Office of Student Success
ATTN: John Phipps
Millersport High School
11850 Lancaster Road
Millersport, OH 43046



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Application 2025-2026

Date of Application: _____	
<i>Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible, it will not be considered for this scholarship.</i>	
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
Daytime Telephone Number: (____) _____	
Email Address: _____	
Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	
Are you related to any of BLT Board of Directors or members? (Please circle) Yes No	
Current High School: _____	Number of years attended: _____
I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2026</u> : _____ <i>Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to funds being released to the college or university.</i>	
I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one) Freshman Sophomore	
Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) <i>Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.</i>	

Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space.

Name (s) _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone of parents or legal guardians: (_____) _____

Name and city of other high schools attended:

Number of years
attended:

What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?

In 1-2 sentences, explain why you want to pursue this specialty/major.

List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:

List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

High School Teacher, Administrator, or Counselor Recommendations:

1. Name of Staff Member: _____ **Signature:** _____

How do you know this staff member? _____

2. Name of Staff Member: _____ **Signature:** _____

How do you know this staff member? _____

3. Name of Staff Member: _____ **Signature:** _____

How do you know this staff member? _____

Essays

Please choose **ONE** essay to complete. Responses should be no more than 500 words in a typed, double-spaced, 12-point font document attached to this application.

**Note: For additional help with the topics presented in the following essay questions, see the information posted on BLT's website: www.buckeyelakefortomorrow.org.*

1. Some of Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow's visions are to

- "Inform the public about the steps they can take to help improve the water quality of Buckeye Lake and the Buckeye Lake Watershed."
- "Work with stakeholders who are committed to sustaining Buckeye Lake water resources for future generations to enjoy."

How would you achieve one of these goals?

2. Some of Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow's objectives are to:

- "Foster cooperation between agriculture, commercial residential and recreational interests in order to enable coordinated action toward common goals."
- "Develop and offer youth-adult educational opportunities regarding relevant watershed management topics."

What STEM field do you intend to go into and how might this field be useful in helping BLT achieve one of these objectives?

3. How could your career field positively impact our local Buckeye Lake area?

4. How have the resources of Buckeye Lake and/or the community of Buckeye Lake impacted you personally?

CHECKLIST OF COMPLETION

A. The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.		
B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application (no exceptions).		
C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.		
YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely and accurately.
YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A <u>copy</u> of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.
YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcripts. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>acceptable</u> , if transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.
YES	NO	Completed Essay Question. 500 words, typed, and double-spaced. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to this application's requirements, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's guardian/ parent: _____ Date: _____