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Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program

The Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce invites Randolph County graduating seniors to enter the Education Scholarship Program, which will award \$2000 in scholarships to qualified students. Applications and eligibility requirements may be picked up now in the guidance counselor office at all county high schools or the Chamber of Commerce office.

The Education Scholarship Program, an annual Chamber project, is open to graduating high school seniors who are current residents of Randolph County and plan to attend a West Virginia College or University or a Post-Secondary Technical Training Institution. The entry deadline is April 17, 2015.

The program's goal is to recognize, honor and assist four Randolph County students with awards as they further their education and prepare for the challenging careers that lie ahead. The \$500 scholarships will provide some financial support to students for the rising costs of higher education.

The scholarship selection committee has agreed to designate one of the four scholarships to a student attending a Post-Secondary Technical Training Institution. There is a growing demand for skilled, technically trained workers throughout the state and the country. The Chamber plans to support an area high school senior for pursuing career training that will help fill the demand.

The scholarship recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria: scholastic achievement (must have cumulative 3.0 GPA), extra-curricular activities, qualities of character and leadership, business/career interests, and essay responses. Winners will be announced at their high school awards ceremony.

“This scholarship program represents the Chamber’s support for the future Elkins-Randolph County business community by investing in the education of tomorrow’s leaders whether they are working toward a four year degree or mastering a trade,” said Robbie Morris, Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

“We want to say a special thank you to the current scholarship sponsors, Allegheny Insurance, Frontier Communications, Elkins Fordland, LaMora Insurance, Davis Health Systems, Elkins Sewing Center, Davis & Elkins College, Greenfield Cabinetry, Elkins Business Consultants, Roy’s RV Supercenter, Bill Hartman, Heritage Hearing Aid Center, Wendy’s, and Pioneer Insurance, who take great pride in financially supporting this program. Scholarship funding from our business members ensures the growth and sustainability of the Chamber’s scholarship program,” said Chamber Executive Director, Jess Arbogast.

For additional details, or if you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact the Elkins Randolph County Chamber of Commerce at (304) 636-2717 or chamber@erccc.com. Applications are available through the area high school Guidance Offices or the Chamber Office.

The mission of the Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce is to support the development of business opportunities, represent the common interests of business, and preserve a quality of life for businesses, employees, and citizens that fosters the local traditions of a friendly, progressive and volunteering community.