



**GALLIA COUNTY
EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
P O Box 511
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631**

TO: 2026 Gallia County High School Graduates or College Students

**FROM: Gallia County Emancipation Proclamation Scholarship Committee
(A Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Tax-Exempt Organization)**

RE: 2026 Scholarship Applications

DATE: February 19, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY

It is with great pride that the Gallia County Emancipation Proclamation Scholarship Committee extends to you the opportunity to submit a scholarship application.

Please read the enclosed guidelines carefully and complete all the requirements in order to be considered.

All applications must be mailed and postmarked **by April 15, 2026**. Mail completed application and attachments to (applications will not be considered if not mailed):

GALLIA COUNTY EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
P O Box 511
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

We look forward to receiving your packet.

Good luck!

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2026 GALLIA COUNTY EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Name: Gallia County Emancipation Proclamation Scholarship

Address: P O Box 511, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Concentration: All areas of Collegiate Study

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be African-American, undergraduate student (applicants are only eligible to receive the scholarship for 4 undergraduate years), does not have to be consecutive years
- Be enrolled full-time at a college, university or technical school in the United States
- Be a resident of Gallia County since beginning of high school junior year
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident residing in the United States
- Minimum high school or college GPA of 2.5 for the prior school year
- Award is to be used solely for room, board, fees, books and/or tuition at any accredited degree granting college, university or technical school in the United States
- REQUIREMENT: Confirmation must be provided by 9/1/2026 (i.e., copy of course & fee statement or equivalent documentation) of full-time fall enrollment occurring during the Grant Award Year to the Emancipation Scholarship Committee before the scholarship check will be issued
- Applicant must attend a minimum of 12 credit hours to considered full-time
- NOTE: If a scenario is not stated in the application instructions it is NOT allowed.

Evaluation Criteria:

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Academic achievement (official high school or college/university/technical school transcript with GPA, ACT or SAT scores must be attached to the application – without this documentation your application will not be considered),
2. An essay due with the initial application only (2 typed pages minimum) expressing the impact of the Emancipation proclamation on the United States and the significance of the Gallia County Celebration on your personal life,
3. Minimum 3 letters of recommendation (teachers and guidance counselors, clergy or community leaders), and
4. Graduating high school seniors will be considered for scholarships first.
5. Financial need.

Award Determination:

The amount of the scholarships awarded each student varies based on funds available and the number of applicants for that year.

Scholarship Disbursement:

All Scholarship Awards will be presented to the student or their family member during the annual Emancipation Celebration.

Obtaining a Scholarship Application:

Applications can be obtained February 2026 by contacting the following Gallia County Emancipation Proclamation Celebration Committee members or by visiting our website www.emancipation-day.com and must be submitted by **April 15, 2026. Scholarship recipients will be notified in May/June 2026.**

- Beverly Jackson, Secretary- Emancipation Proclamation Celebration Committee
 - Telephone: 740-441-7900
- Karen Sprague, Treasurer-Emancipation Proclamation Celebration Committee
 - Telephone: 740-441-7763

Questions:

All questions/concerns pertaining to the scholarship application can be directed to:

- Beverly Jackson, Secretary- Emancipation Proclamation Celebration Committee
 - Telephone: 740-441-7900
- Karen Sprague, Treasurer-Emancipation Proclamation Celebration Committee
 - Telephone: 740-441-7763

Application & Instructions Reviewed & Revised:

1/14/2020