



## George and Helen Duckworth Scholarship Screening Criteria – Cover Sheet

Purpose: To assist potential applicants in determining eligibility for the Duckworth Scholarship and whether or not to apply please answer the questions below. More details about the scholarship are on the first page.

Are you related to a teacher? Yes or No; If you answered NO, proceed;

Are you related to School Board Members? Yes or No, If you answered No proceed;

Are you related to a WISE Board of Director Member? Yes or No, if you answered NO please proceed:

Are you related to a member of the Duckworth Scholarship Committee? Yes or No If you answer no proceed. In 2024 The WISE Board President, A community CPA and former Duckworth Trustee will be on this committee.

Is your cumulative, non-weight GPA over 3.5? Yes or No? If you answered No proceed

Is your ACT score above 20? Yes or No. If you answered NO, proceed.

Are you involved in the community outside of school activities? Yes or No. If you answered Yes proceed.

Do you have financial need to continue your higher education goals? Yes or No

If you answered Yes proceed to the application.

This form should be attached to the application if you file a completed application. If you decide not to apply, the form remains in your possession. These terms and conditions were stated in the trust of the donors.

# The George and Helen Duckworth Scholarship Application

An extraordinary opportunity for students in the Warren Co R-III School District was created through a legacy scholarship left by George and Helen Duckworth. They believed in education for students who have a true desire to succeed and continue their education. They believed in being involved in their community. The George and Helen Duckworth Scholarship has been invested with WISE Foundation to administer the legacy they left Warren Co R-III students.

George and Helen Duckworth moved to the Warren County area in the 1980s. Mr. Duckworth grew up in Springerton, Ill. Both Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth were children of the Great Depression of the 1930s. After graduating high school in 1940, he moved to St Louis to go to Mound City Business School. Two years later he joined the Navy, serving both in WWII and the Korean Conflict. The day before he left for basic training he went to the business school to tell them he was leaving. That day he met a young Helen Sanker decorating a Christmas tree and in her own way, she slipped him her name and address in his pocket. They exchanged letters while he was overseas for 3 years and married two weeks after he returned home.

Education was very important to both George and Helen. He graduated from Washington University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and from St Louis University with a PhD in Education Administration. Mr. Duckworth had a long career as an educator, including substituting in the Warren Co R-III District.

Mr. Duckworth was especially proud of his wife Helen, and they were married for 70 years. He went to college on the GI Bill and Mr. Duckworth made it known that his wife, Helen, supported him during this time to finance his education. She had a successful career as the executive secretary to the president of a St. Louis Union and then the A & P Grocery stores.

If selected, the recipient will receive the annual tuition amount of Missouri public colleges/universities or the actual tuition whichever is less for use on tuition, books, and fees. This financial amount will be established by a committee as established in the scholarship criteria. Also the committee will determine the recipient of the scholarship, and MAY REQUIRE AN INTERVIEW. The scholarship may be renewed if the student is in good standing as determined by the scholarship committee and was previously selected as a scholarship recipient.

The WISE Foundation feels it is important to share who the Duckworths were AND TO HONOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY ALLOWING THE WISE FOUNDATION TO RESPECT THE WISHES OF GEORGE AND HELEN AS THEY STIPULATED. The WISE Foundation will be accepting applications according to the criteria that they established for the school year 2022-2023. This is a unique scholarship set up by individuals who considered education particularly important for Warren County R-III youth and is the culmination of the lifetime of work and their final gift back to the community. The WISE Foundation emphasizes that the Duckworths loved children and for you as an applicant for this scholarship, you are asked to honor their legacy. NOTE: Criteria for the scholarship have been established by Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth. All sections must be completed.

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| Student First Name:                   | Student Last Name:            | Student Middle Name:                                 |      |
| Full Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) |                               | Student Date of Birth:                               |      |
| Permanent Address-<br>Street:         | City:                         | State:   | Zip: |
| Primary Telephone:                    | Alternate Telephone<br>Phone: | How many years did you attend Warrenton High School? |      |

### SECTION 1: Future Plans

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What college/university/trade school do you plan to attend?</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What will be your major area of study?</li> </ul>                      |

### SECTION 2: High School Academic Performance and Leadership: A student's cumulative grade point average of 2.5, standardized test results and transcript must be included.

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| All applicants <b><u>MUST</u></b> attach a high school transcript. All applicants <b><u>MUST</u></b> submit a verifiable ACT score. The ACT score can be provided by the high school transcript or the ACT testing services.  |             |             |     |
| Highest ACT Score:  | Class Rank: | Class Size: | GPA |
| <p>Please provide a description of your leadership and community involvement during your high school years. This may be a resume or an additional page. Include participation in organizations and or non-profits that benefit the community or a specific group. In addition, describe your extra-curricular activities, offices held, leadership positions held, youth development organizations and activities, awards received and employment. Please utilize additional pages if needed.</p> |             |             |     |

**SECTION 3: Essay of 500 words or less explaining what your future aspirations and goals are and how this scholarship will help you achieve those goals.**

Background for the Essay: The George and Helen Duckworth Scholarship Criteria:

- a. Trade, 2 year or 4 year college
- b. Average Ability - This scholarship is not created based on above average grades or test scores, rather for a student that shows a true desire and an ability to succeed
- c. Financial Need
- d. Community Involvement

The essay is a critical tool for selection to receive the scholarship. Please describe your continuing desire for education, how you have been involved in the community and your future goals.

**SECTION 4: Financial**

Have you filed FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Estimated resources from student to help pay for college: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated resources from parent/guardian to help pay for college: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated resources of other scholarships/grants received to date: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total estimated resources \$\_\_\_\_\_

If you are awarded this scholarship, will you be willing to provide a photo for use in publicizing the award and who the scholarship donor was? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**SECTION 5: Attach two reference letters from counselors, teachers and others who have a special insight to the student's desire to continue the student's educational goals.**

**SECTION 6: Signatures**

My application, complete with required documents and completed questions, contains information that is accurate and reflective of my own work and goals. I understand that an incomplete application and applications received after April 2, 2024 will not be reviewed by the WISE Foundation for consideration:

Applicant Signature:

Date: / /

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: / /

## SECTION 7: Application Checklist

Please review the checklist to assure that the application for the Duckworth Scholarship through the WISE Foundation Scholarship is complete.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Attach high school transcripts or equivalents (to be completed by counselor) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Attach ACT Score and GPA (to be completed by counselor)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | List Leadership and Community Involvement                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Reference Letters  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Essay is attached  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Signatures are included  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | All sections of the application are complete                                 |

**ALL DECISIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP GRANTORS ARE FINAL - The George and Helen Duckworth Scholarship will consider each criteria factor, with the guidelines stating it is not mandatory that they all be equally weighted.**