**LOUISE ANN LUCKEY SCHOLARSHIP**

 **2025 APPLICATION**

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THE ENTIRE APPLICATION BEFORE COMPLETING.**

**(If supporting documents, e.g., letters of recommendation, ACT/SAT scores, and official transcripts are not returned electronically, please send them to BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH c/o LUCKEY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE at 206 N. GARFIELD AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OH 43203.)**

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed. 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 or print legibly. Illegible applications may be returned to you.
5. You will be notified by phone, USPS or e-mail in May regarding the status of your application. Please do not call the church office to request status.
6. Please check that you are completing the 2025 Application. Because changes have been made, older versions will not be accepted.
7. If you have any questions, please contact us at louiseluckeyscholarship.org or at louiseluckeyscholarship@gmail.com.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** is based on academic performance, leadership potential, service, and demonstrated financial need. Louise Ann Luckey Scholarships are awarded annually without regard to religion, race, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

**CRITERIA**

Applicants shall be 2025 graduating seniors living and attending school in the Franklin County area.

Applicants shall have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. **An official transcript must accompany application materials**.

Applicants shall demonstrate financial need by submitting a family score from the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA Student Aid) Report.

Applicants shall submit two letters of recommendation from (counselor, teacher, administrator, or clergy) non-family members.

Applicants shall demonstrate public service or community involvement.

 SAT or ACT scores may be submitted to support and strengthen an application. They are **optional.**

Applicants shall submit a written essay following the instructions provided as part of the application process.

**A college/university acceptance letter must be submitted before scholarship funds are distributed.**

***Applicants who are selected for interviews will be notified by the selection committee by May 2025. Award notification will be given by mid-May 2025. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the Bethany Worship Service and the Award Luncheon on June 8, 2025. Scholarship checks will NOT be sent to recipients via USPS.***

 **STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the information provided by me to the Louise Ann Luckey Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed appropriate to promote the Luckey Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to the Luckey Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of acceptance/matriculation at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Applicant’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Last First Middle Initial

1. Applicant’s Complete Address: (please include phone and e-mail address)
2. With whom do you reside? Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. List names and ages of your siblings, college (if applicable), and dates of attendance.

Name Age Institution Dates

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1. What additional personal information do you wish to share with the

 selection committee?

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Counselor’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor’s e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Current cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on a scale of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **(Official transcript must accompany application packet)**

 Test scores: ACT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

**If you have more activities, work experience, and/or awards than the space allows, list only those you consider most significant. Inserts, attachments, and additional pages will not be accepted/ considered.**

1. List high school activities (student government, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-teacher committees, arts, music, etc.). List the most important first. You will have space for five high school activities.
2. Choose **ONE** public service or community activity (**homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.)** in which you have volunteered a minimum of 30 hours. Describe how the service project has affected your life or changed your world view. Please include the name of the sponsoring organization, your specific duties, and the number of hours you have volunteered.
3. List part-time jobs and/or internships that have been particularly satisfying or significant in your preparation for college.

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1. List awards, scholarships, or special recognitions you have received. List

 most noteworthy first.

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1. Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) Estimated Family Con-

 tribution (EFC) listed here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **(Visit** [**www.fafsa.gov**](http://www.fafsa.gov) **if you need assistance in completing this question.)**

1. How did you hear about the Luckey Scholarship?

 **WRITTEN ESSAY - CHOOSE ONE**

**General Essay Instructions:**

1. **Address the prompt directly**
2. **Include at least two (2) references. Please use APA or MLA citation formatting.**
3. **Your essay should be a minimum of one page—not to exceed two pages.**
4. **Your essay should be word-processed, single spaced with 12-point font.**
5. **Pay close attention to content and mechanics (sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, and paragraphing).**
6. **Do not print your name on the essay. The review committee does a blind reading.**
7. **In addition to the general instructions, the review committee will specifically look for the following in your essay: focus (clarity of topic and ideas); organization, (essay has introduction, relevant information and conclusion); voice (clearly state your purpose and pay attention to your audience); and word choice (use a variety of words that communicates your ideas clearly and naturally).**

  **Louise Ann Luckey Essay Prompts for 2025**

**Essay 1.** In March 2020, JAMA Network argued that cell phone use among middle or high school students is ubiquitous and is negatively associated with children’s academic and social-emotional outcomes.

As a result, on May 15, 2024, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 250 at Karrer Middle School in Dublin, Ohio. The law will require every school district in Ohio to establish an official policy governing cell phone usage during school hours and aims to minimize student use of cell phones in grades K – 12. (Ohio is not the only state taking such action.) Do you agree with the JAMA study? Why or why not? Make a case for or against House Bill 250.

**Essay 2.** In 2028, Laura Ingraham, conservative American television presenter and activist, told LeBron James to keep his political comments to himself and to “shut up and dribble.” There was no such criticism from Ms. Ingraham when Harrison Butker delivered remarks to the graduating class of Benedictine College on May 16, 2024. Butker, the Kansas City Chiefs place kicker urged women graduates to put family first. Butker went on to say that women graduates were probably more excited about getting married and having children than about their future professional careers. In other comments, Butker defended his remarks saying that women should stay home and take care of their husbands and kids. If you were the speaker, what advice would you give to the graduates? Should male graduates also prioritize family? Please discuss this issue.

**Essay 3**. Collins Dictionary 2023 word of the year was “AI,” short for artificial intelligence. AI research is taking place in business and industry, scientific inquiry, medical research and educational endeavors.

Recently, a Massachusetts family has sued a school district and faculty members because their son was punished for using AI on a history project. The family argued that the D grade their son received will affect him negatively, hurt his GPA, and his college admission. Do you consider using AI tools cheating? Is it ethical? How is it different from using a dictionary, encyclopedia, thesaurus, or other reference materials? Does your school have guidelines or a policy for the use of AI in classwork? Is it completely banned? Have you ever used spell check, Grammarly AI, etc? Are some AI tools more acceptable than others? Please discuss this issue.