

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Ray and Jeanie Searby Scholarship

2025-2026

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dr. Edward "Ray" Searby served at Highland Community College from 1976-1991, as Business Division Chairman, Dean of Instruction, Dean of Student Development and Interim President. Dr. Searby was a brilliant man and dedicated his life to higher education and believed in community colleges.

1. Applications will be accepted from full- or part-time students, who live in the HCC District.
2. The scholarship consists of a \$1,000.00 award for the student's academic year at Highland (posting of second half of award after confirmation of standards of academic progress).
3. Criteria:
 - a. Pursuing a degree in an Ag-related field, Agriculture, Education, Business, or Engineering.
 - b. Minimum 2.5 GPA required
 - c. Financial need will be a consideration. A copy of the Student Aid report (SAR) or a copy of a completed Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) must be on file at the Highland Community College Financial Aid Office for the school year of the application.

A written thank you letter to the donor will be required before award is applied to your account. Letters should be sent c/o HCC Foundation, 2998 W Pearl City Road, Freeport IL 61032 or emailed to foundation@highland.edu

FILING DEADLINE: April 1, 2025

Please print or type clearly.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City & State: _____ Zip _____

County: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Your High School: _____

Year Graduated: _____ Received GED: _____

Your major /academic interest: _____

Employer: _____

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In a brief essay, write about your education and vocational goals. Include any extracurricular and community activities which you have been involved in i.e., sports, newspaper, science, math club, computer science, etc. Please mention any awards or recognition you have received. (Attach additional paper if needed).

Please staple an **UNOFFICIAL** copy of your most recent transcripts (college, high school, GED, etc.). Unofficial copies of Highland transcripts **MUST** be obtained/requested from the Admissions and Records Office; transcripts printed from ROAR will **NOT** be accepted.

I authorize Highland Community College to release my financial information (FAFSA, etc.) and other academic records to the HCC Foundation scholarship review committee for purposes that may be used to determine eligibility for all scholarships.

Applicant's signature: _____

Date: _____

Return completed application to: HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
2998 W. PEARL CITY ROAD
FREEPORT, IL 61032
815.599.3413