

THE CURCIO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

administered by the Elizabeth Forward Alumni & Friends Association

ABOUT THE CURCIO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Eugene (Gene) Curcio and Deborah Curcio have supported and encouraged students to realize their fullest potential through continuing their education beyond high school and throughout their lives. Before Mr. Curcio graduated from Bucknell University and the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business, he was a member of EF's Class of 1968. Mr. Curcio earned his CPA license while working in public accounting. He spent most of his career in health care and was one of two principal owners of a long-term care company operating 85 facilities in seven states, employing 13,000 with annual revenues of \$650 million. He and his family currently own and operate a hotel investment company with three Florida hotels and a pending acquisition in PA. Mrs. Curcio is a graduate of Westminster College and is a retired elementary school teacher and newspaper executive. During her newspaper career she focused on the Newspaper in Education program, promoting the integration of local newspapers into the academic curriculum.

TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

One \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior at Elizabeth Forward High School to encourage and support the pursuit of learning and critical thinking as well as to financially support a deserving student who has demonstrated academic accomplishments or academic potential and who is interested in continuing his/her education at a trade school, community college, or 4-year college or university.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all completed applications based on the applicant's 3.0 or above GPA; a reference letter from a junior or senior year teacher who can address the student's academic accomplishments and potential; and any mitigating or extraordinary circumstances the student would like to include and have considered in his/her application. While demonstrated leadership, work, and extra-curricular activities are not required specifically, they may positively influence the award decision.

NOTIFICATION AND RECEIPT OF SCHOLARSHIP

The recipient will be notified by early May via e-mail and a confirmation letter. The letter will inform the recipient of what needs to be provided to EFABA to receive the scholarship. Information relating to a required thank you letter will be included with the confirmation letter.

THE APPLICATION

1. Using word processing, submit the following information. Include the number/letter of the item when providing your information.
 - a. Name of the scholarship for which you are applying:

- b. Your Name:
 - c. Home Address:
 - d. Home Telephone Number:
 - e. Cell Telephone Number:
 - f. Texting Number:
 - g. E-mail Address:
 - h. Name of college/university you plan to attend:
 - i. Name of intended major:
 - j. Briefly explain why you believe you meet the criteria for this scholarship:
 - k. Write a 300-500-word essay (double-spaced) on this prompt: **How do you plan to apply your education beyond high school “to make a difference” other than pursuit of your own economic well-being and livelihood? In other words, what “value” to you aspire to add to the improvement of society and how do you plan to achieve that goal?**
2. As a separate document, prepare an up-to-date personal resume that includes your academic achievements, senior-year courses, extracurricular activities, community service, etc.
3. Email the application, the essay, the letter of reference, and the resume as separate PDF attachments to EFafa.Board@gmail.com as soon as possible but not later than February 28. The filename must indicate the specific scholarship and the component of the application, for example: curciofamily_application.pdf, curciofamily_essay.pdf, curciofamily_resume.pdf, curciofamily_referenceletter.pdf and place the name of the scholarship in the Subject heading (CurcioFamilyScholarship).