

DutchCrafters Amish Furniture Heritage Scholarship

Part I – Information Summary

Name: _____

Last

First

Middle

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Year of High School Graduation: _____ High School GPA: _____

Will you enroll as a full time student for 2015-16 academic year? _____

College you plan to attend: _____

College telephone number: _____

College address: _____

Your planned course of study: _____

Please sign below to verify that the information you provide on all parts of this application are true and accurate to the best of your knowledge. Falsification of information may result in disqualification from eligibility. A digital representation of your signature is acceptable.

Signature _____ Date: _____

With my signature above, I agree that all information provided on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, DutchCrafters may use my name, hometown and college on its website and social media.

Please proceed to Parts II and III.

Part II – Statement of Financial Need

Have you completed the FAFSA? _____

In 250 words or less, please state clearly your need for financial assistance. It may be helpful to identify projected costs, available resources, and your plan to secure other sources of funding.

Part III – Essay

Please submit an essay of 750 words or less in response to the following question:

How will you draw upon your cultural heritage to shape your vocational aspirations, offer creative value to your future employer, and serve your community?

In 2003, many people had a hard time imagining the words “Amish” and “Internet” as compatible. Yet when DutchCrafters founder Jim Miller was looking for products to sell on an e-commerce platform that year, he found them within his own Amish and Mennonite heritage. Amish furniture represented integrity, authenticity and long-lasting value – precisely the alternative to cheap imported products that were flooding the Internet at that time. By offering a high level of customer service that matched the quality of the products, Miller was able to differentiate his brand through looking within his own heritage.

Whether you are in nursing, education, business or engineering, the DutchCrafters Amish Furniture Heritage Scholarship recognizes that the potential for creative value often lies within that which has been passed along to you from previous generations.

Essays are expected to be written in a formal paragraph form. Spelling and grammar will be considered in selecting the top essays. Style and creativity will also be taken into account.