## **DutchCrafters Amish Furniture Heritage Scholarship**

## Part I – Information Summary

| Name:  |                              |                  |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Last   | First                        | Middle           |  |  |  |  |
| Home Phone:  | ne: 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 stud  | ent for the next academic ye | ear?             |  |  |  |  |
| 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? |  |
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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

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 ecommerce 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 by looking at 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.

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?

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.