

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

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 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.

