

**DR. & MRS. CHARLES S. SWOPE
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

APPLICATION

A Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund has been established in the memory of Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Swope, President of West Chester University for a quarter of a century, by his family and friends. Each year the Foundation awards scholarships between \$1,000 - \$3,000 to students of West Chester

University who meet the following criteria:

1. Undergraduate students must be enrolled in a full time academic program, must have completed at least **45 credit hours at West Chester University** at the time of the application, and
 - a. accumulated no more than 89.5 credits toward graduation at the time of the applicationOR
 - b. applied with the West Chester University Registrar's office for graduation no sooner than the calendar year following the year of the application. (For example, an application for a Swope Scholarship submitted in April of 2015 would have had to apply for graduation no sooner than spring, summer or fall of calendar year 2016).Applicants must have **minimum grade point average of 3.5 (as of the end of Fall 2014 semester)**.
2. Graduate students must be enrolled in a full time program (minimum 9 credits) and must have **received their baccalaureate degree from West Chester University**.
3. All applicants must be **U.S. citizens** and have permanent residence in the U.S.A.

To apply for this award, the applicants meeting the above criteria must provide the following:

1. **One (1) letter of recommendation** from a West Chester University faculty member who address academic performance.
2. **One (1) letter of recommendation** from a community leader who can address applicant's community involvement, leadership qualities and citizenship qualities. This must be printed on the community leader's letterhead (cannot be WCU letterhead).
3. **A curriculum vita or resume**, especially noting community involvement and service.
4. A completed **application**.

All applicants must submit two copies of the application, as follows:

1. One complete copy should be scanned and emailed as a PDF to swopescholarship@gmail.com.
2. One hard copy should be hand-delivered to the following location:

**WCU Foundation
202 Carter Drive
West Chester, PA 19382**

Or by mail:

**WCU Foundation
Attn: Swope Scholarship Committee
PO Box 541
West Chester, PA 19381**

The Foundation will award the scholarships primarily on the basis of scholastic achievement. Consideration will be given to community and/or university involvement of the applicant, in addition to how the applicant contributes to the Swope Legacy. The Foundation will notify recipients of their award in July by mail. Funds will be available to begin class in September.

The Swope Legacy to West Chester University, summarized from The Swope Legacy, an autobiography of Charles E. Swope

Charles S. Swope, an alumnus of the West Chester University class of 1921, became President of West Chester University at the age of thirty-five. He was appointed by Governor Earle following a serious financial crisis at the institution.

Charles and wife, Edna, were both graduates of the class of 1921 and dedicated their lives to the enrichment of West Chester University, known as West Chester State Teachers College during this time. Swope's vision for the University included a Master Plan which proposed many of the buildings that comprise the campus today.

Charles E., son of Charles S. and Edna, went on to become President of the Board of Trustees and complete his parents vision of growth and physical expansion of the University. In the early 1960's stalled building projects were reenergized and construction commenced with the support of Governor Scranton.

Following the death of Charles S. in 1959, Edna and their two sons, Charles and Richard, formed The Swope Foundation in 1960. The Swope Foundation has supported West Chester University students for over fifty years and has provided nearly One Million Dollars in scholarship funds.

THE DR. AND MRS. CHARLES S. SWOPE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANT

DATE _____

1. Name (Full) _____

2. Student ID Number _____ U.S. Citizen YES NO

3. Major _____

4. Local Address _____

5. Home Address _____

6. Email Address _____

7. Student Status Undergraduate Graduate

8. Cumulative GPA (after the Fall 2014 semester) _____

9. Number of credits completed at WCU (as of the Fall 2014 semester) _____

10. Please answer the following questions. What goals have you set for yourself? Describe your attempt to achieve these goals. Give specific examples. In addition, comment on your qualities as a citizen of our country, your service to your community and university as well as your leadership qualities. Please consider how your values and aspirations relate to the contributions of Charles Swope (see information about the Swope Legacy in this packet). Limit your response to 400 words (double-spaced, 12 pt. font). Attach your statement to this application on a separate piece of paper.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED BY APRIL 30TH

Signature _____

Date _____