



"I Am UNITE" Scholarship Application

Scholarships are available to UNITE Club high school seniors and/or seniors who have attended Camp UNITE as a camper or counselor.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500

Students must attend school in one of the 32 counties served by Operation UNITE to be eligible for a scholarship.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M.I. _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

School: _____ County: _____

Parent/Guardian Name and Phone Number _____

Guidance Counselor Name and Phone Number: _____

UNITE Club (circle one): Y / N UNITE Club Member: Y / N Years Active: _____

Camp UNITE (circle all that apply): Camper/Jr. Counselor/Counselor Years Attended: _____

College you plan on attending: _____ Accepted: Y / N

High School GPA (Weighted): _____ (Unweighted): _____ Are you a Governor's Scholar? Y / N Rogers' Scholar? Y / N

Honors/Achievements/Scholarships received (attach additional sheets as needed): _____

Community Involvement/Volunteer Work (attach additional sheets as needed): _____

Extracurricular Activities (attach additional sheets as needed): _____

Essay: Operation UNITE strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our area. The UNITE Clubs have adopted the theme "I Am UNITE." In 500 words or less, explain in detail how you have exemplified this theme. Include specific details, as well as how your involvement with Operation UNITE has affected you. (Only typed essays will be considered)



Acknowledgement

I understand and agree that if I am selected to receive an "I Am UNITE" Scholarship that I must provide proof to Operation UNITE that I am enrolled in an accredited post-secondary educational institution on a full-time basis prior to any scholarship funds being paid on my behalf. All scholarship funds will be awarded directly to the school at which I am enrolled, unless I have been awarded other scholarship funds that cover full tuition, room, board and books/supplies. In such case, I must explain in writing how the scholarship directly enhances my education expenses or needs before scholarship funds will be paid to me. Upon approval of my explanation, receipts must be provided for educational purchases. The monetary award will be divided between my freshman and sophomore years of school and paid as follows: \$500 at the beginning of the first and second semester of my freshman year, and \$500 at the beginning of the first semester of my sophomore year. **I must maintain a 2.5 GPA and have no criminal record in order to continue to receive the "I Am UNITE" Scholarship. Furthermore, I must maintain a drug-free lifestyle and exhibit character that exemplifies the purposes/moral code of Operation UNITE in order to continue to receive the scholarship money. If Operation UNITE, in its sole discretion, determines that I have not complied with the foregoing conditions, I will forfeit the remaining unpaid scholarship funds.**

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the scholarship as set forth by Operation UNITE. I understand that failure to maintain a 2.5 GPA, a drug-free lifestyle, no criminal record, or exhibit character that exemplifies the purposes/moral code of Operation UNITE each semester will result in the forfeiture of the Scholarship.

Student Name (Printed): _____ Parent Name (Printed): _____

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

All applications must be signed and returned to Operation UNITE, or postmarked, no later than **March 13, 2015**.

A completed application consists of:

- Signed Application
- 2 Letters of Recommendation: One from School Employee and one from a Community Member (no family members).
- Unofficial Transcript
- Completed, Typed Essay

Mail, E-mail, or Fax completed Application and Essay to:

Mail:

Shawna Ping
2292 South Hwy 27
Somerset, KY 42501
606-677-6179

Email:

sping@centertech.com

Fax:

Attn: Shawna Ping
Scholarship Application
606-677-6166



“I Am UNITE” Scholarship Application Details 2015

- A minimum of twenty “I Am UNITE” Scholarships (the “Scholarship”) in the amount of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) each will be awarded to high school seniors who are either UNITE Club members or have attended Camp UNITE to be used toward post-secondary education expenses.
- The \$1,500 Scholarship will be awarded in increments over two years provided that conditions are met to maintain the scholarship.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced at their school’s awards day or equivalent.
 - Award/Certificate will be presented by UNITE representatives
- **Eligibility Requirements:**
 - Completed and signed application form, including the essay (typed)
 - Member of a UNITE Club or a former Camper and/or Counselor for Camp UNITE
 - Attends school in one of the 32 counties served by Operation UNITE
 - GPA of 2.75 unweighted or 3.75 weighted
 - Two letters of recommendation: one from a school employee and one from community member (no family members)
 - Copy of Unofficial High School Transcript
- **Selection Process:**
 - A committee, consisting of Operation UNITE Board members and staff, will review the applications and determine the Scholarship recipients.
 - The Scholarship will be awarded based on:
 - Past/present involvement in UNITE Club and/or Camp UNITE
 - GPA
 - Volunteer work, Community Service, and Extracurricular Activities
 - Essay
 - Need of additional scholarship/financial assistance
- **Conditions for Initial Funding of Scholarship:**
 - No Scholarship money will be paid until proof of full-time student enrollment in an accredited post-secondary educational institution has been received by Operation UNITE.
- **How the Scholarship is Paid:**
 - The Scholarship money will be divided between the recipient’s freshman and sophomore years of college, and paid as follows:
 - In the student’s freshman year, \$500 will be awarded at the beginning of the first semester and \$500 at the beginning of the second semester.
 - In the student’s sophomore year, \$500 will be awarded at the start of the first semester.
 - Scholarship money will be paid directly to the recipient’s school. (If the student has been awarded scholarships that cover full tuition, room, board and books/supplies, then the monetary award will be presented to the student. The student must then explain in writing how the scholarship directly enhances his/her educational expenses/needs and provide receipts for approved educational purchases.)
- **Conditions for Maintaining the Scholarship:**
 - Recipient must meet following conditions in order to maintain the Scholarship and receive the full award amount:
 - Recipient must maintain a 2.5 GPA each semester, and provide a copy of his/her transcript or grades to Operation UNITE each semester prior to additional Scholarship funds being paid;
 - Recipient may not have any type of criminal record; and
 - Recipient must maintain a drug-free lifestyle and exhibit character that exemplifies the purposes/moral code of Operation UNITE, as determined by Operation UNITE in its sole discretion.



January 15, 2015

Dear Superintendent, Principal, School Counselor, and/or UNITE Club Sponsor:

We at UNITE are excited to announce the continuation of the **"I Am UNITE" Scholarship**. This \$1500 need-based scholarship will be provided to a minimum of 20 senior high school students in our region to be used for post-secondary education expenses. These seniors must be a member of a school UNITE Club or have attended Camp UNITE as a camper or counselor.

Camp UNITE serves students in all 32 counties of the 5th Congressional District; therefore, it is highly likely that you have students who have been involved with Camp UNITE. In addition, if you do not currently have a UNITE Club in your school I would like to encourage you to start one. The clubs have to be registered by January 31, 2015 to be eligible for funding. These clubs do a wonderful job spreading the anti-drug message, encouraging positive lifestyle behaviors, and giving back through community service. Clubs can receive reimbursements up to \$750 per school year for anti-drug activities and must have an adult sponsor.

Attached are copies of the Scholarship application, along with a detailed information sheet for your review. Please disseminate to your Camp UNITE attendees and UNITE Club members. Note that all applications must be returned **no later than March 31, 2015**, so that winners can be announced at your school's Senior Awards Day program. Scholarship winners will be determined using the following criteria:

- Submit a completed application form.
- Past or current involvement in a UNITE Club or Camp UNITE.
- Submit an essay (500 words or less) explaining how the student has benefitted from their involvement with UNITE.
- Have a GPA of at least 2.75 (unweighted) or 3.75 (weighted).
- Community or other Volunteer service work.
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation, one from a school employee and one from a community member.
- Provide a copy of their unofficial transcript.
- Attend school in one of the 32 counties served by Operation UNITE.

In addition to scholarship awards, the Operation UNITE Foundation will also provide high school seniors, who meet the Volunteer Service and GPA requirements, a letter of recommendation to the college of their choice and a commemorative certificate inducting them as a "UNITE Ambassador." If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Ping, Staff Accountant, at 606-677-6179 or sping@centertech.com.

Sincerely,

Dan Smoot
President/CEO