

2025 Wellsburg Applefest Scholarship Application



Mike O'Brien, who passed away in 2016, was the Applefest chairman and had been instrumental in the festival's success since it began. He is remembered for his kindness, leadership and love for his community.

About the Applefest: In the year 1800, John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) floated down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh to what is now known as Wellsburg, WV, to plant fruit trees in the area. Due to this effort, the Grimes Golden apple originated at Grimes Golden Park here in Wellsburg. The annual festival began in 1978 with a group of volunteers to help promote this story, as well as the City of Wellsburg.

About the scholarship: Johnny Appleseed's work led to a new breed of apple, and those efforts are still impacting Wellsburg today as the Applefest continues. With this application, please include an essay of at least 250 words discussing your volunteerism, and how your work has impacted your community or organization.

Your information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Preferred contact number: _____

Civic Organizations: _____

Applications and essays are due by April 25, 2025. The Applefest Committee will review all essays written and select two winners, who will each receive a \$500 award. The awards will be presented on May 15, 2025, the winners will be posted on the Applefest Facebook page. The recipients will be honored at the 2025 Applefest celebration in October.

Requirements:

1. GPA 2.5 or higher
2. Letter of recommendation from your organization
3. Must attend College, University, Technical Trade School or online credited classes

Please mail application and essay to: **Wellsburg Applefest Committee**

P.O. Box 108

Wellsburg, WV 26070