**Kiwanis Club of Livonia Early Risers**

**2024 Fernon Feenstra Scholarship Program**

**BACKGROUND**

The Fernon Feenstra Scholarship Program provides a variable number of $1,000 scholarships each year to Livonia high school students demonstrating a desire to better themselves through education and a passion to help others. Fernon Feenstra was one of the founding members of the Livonia Kiwanis Club in 1981.  Described by Livonia's Mayor as "Mr. Sunshine", Fernon's positive attitude and philanthropic outlook will always be remembered.  It is our honor to name this scholarship program after him and our hope that the award recipients will enrich the lives of others in their communities for decades to come.

**AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. **Mr. Sunshine Scholarship** – This scholarship is available to all graduating high school seniors who meet the requirements below. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is recommended.
2. **Schoolcraft College Technical Scholarship** – This scholarship is available to all graduating high school seniors who meet the requirements below, and who plan to enroll fulltime in a technical skills program at Schoolcraft College in the fall. Recipients of this award may also be eligible for a scholarship-matching program offered by the Schoolcraft College Foundation. A GPA of 2.5 or higher is recommended.

**REQUIREMENTS AND DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICATION**

1. The applicant must meet at least one of the following residency requirements:
	1. Is enrolled in a Livonia or Clarenceville area high school. This requirement includes students whose primary residence is outside of Livonia or Clarenceville.
	2. Has a primary residence in Livonia or Clarenceville. This requirement includes students who are home schooled, or who attend public or private schools outside of Livonia.
2. The applicant must plan to graduate from high school in the spring of 2024.
3. The applicant must have been accepted by and plan to attend a university, community college, vocational training center, or other qualifying educational institution. Proof of fulltime enrollment for the fall 2024 semester must be available by July 2024.
4. The applicant must submit two letters of recommendation, one to be completed by a high school staff member and one to be completed by an adult in a community service program leadership position. The recommendations may not be provided by a relative of the applicant.
5. All components of the scholarship application packet (application form, essay, and two recommendations) must be received by the Kiwanis Club of Livonia no later than **April 12, 2024**. Packet information received after May 14 will not be considered. Applicants must submit application/documents electronically.

**For any questions regarding the scholarship program, please**

**send an email to** **KiwanisofLivonia@gmail.com** **.**

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**2024 Fernon Feenstra Scholarship Program Application**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the following scholarship

 Mr. Sunshine Scholarship

 Schoolcraft College Technical Scholarship

How did you learn about this scholarship opportunity?

 Guidance counselor

 Kiwanis website or Kiwanis social media

 City of Livonia website

 Other (please describe)

I meet the following residency requirement (choose one or both)

 I attend a Livonia or Clarenceville high school.

 My primary residence is in Livonia or Clarenceville.

High School \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Cumulative Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (x.xx/x.xx)

Applicant’s Primary Address City\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number \_ Alternate Phone Number

Primary E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Alternate E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Which school do you plan to attend in the fall? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What will be your major? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation letters will be submitted by (applicant must obtain letters of recommendation from sources to submit by April 15, 2024 deadline—late letters will NOT be accepted)

1. (Teacher or school staff member) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. (Service Organization Leader) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following short answer questions:

What community service activities have you been involved in throughout your high school years?

What does community service mean to you?

1. Please write an essay that responds to these questions: “How have I made a difference in my community throughout my life so far? How do I plan to make a difference as I continue my education, and then in my personal and professional life?” The essay must be 500-1000 words in length, typed and double-spaced.

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**2024 Fernon Feenstra Scholarship Program Recommendation Form**

Student’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recommender’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Recommender’s Title/Role \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your comments regarding the work or character you have seen demonstrated by the student. We are specifically interested in the student’s history of service and leadership, and the student’s expressed interest in continuing to serve the community while in college or as an adult. Please sign and date the letter.

The scholarship committee sincerely appreciates the time you have taken to help this student. Thank you so much!

You will return your letter of recommendation directly to the student for inclusion in their online application packet. The student must turn in all applications including all letters of recommendation by April 15, 2024.