



General Instructions for the Ernie Davis Scholarship

c/o The Community Foundation 301 S. Main St., Horseheads, NY 14845

The Ernie Davis Scholarship (up to \$15,000) is awarded to a student attending high school in Chemung County or in Corning, New York, who spreads the word about Ernie Davis' legacy and exhibits the qualities that he exemplified: integrity, leadership, courage, and humility. A second scholarship, named after Ernie's high school football coach, Marty Harrigan (up to \$6,000), is awarded to a second candidate who also spreads the word and exemplifies Ernie's qualities. In addition to these two scholarships, \$1,000 will be split equally among the candidates who have fulfilled the requirements of the application with excellent projects and/or volunteer service hours.

The candidates shall have been good, responsible and concerned citizens of their high school and communities. The candidate should have participated as a member of a high school or community team. Financial need may be considered in awarding this scholarship. To receive the financial award, applicants must enroll in and attend a four-year or a two-year college.

The Ernie Davis Scholarship

- Up to \$15,000 over the course of the recipient's attendance at a 4-year college.
- Up to \$7,500 over the course of the recipient's attendance at a 2-year college*.

The Marty Harrigan Scholarship

- Up to \$6,000 over the course of the recipient's attendance at a 4-year college.
- Up to \$3,000 over the course of the recipient's attendance at a 2-year college*.

**If the recipient subsequently decides to transfer to a four year college they may contact the Ernie Davis Scholarship Committee to be considered for the full four year award amount.*

Scholarship Mentors:

Any candidate applying to the Ernie Davis Scholarship is encouraged to seek out a mentor while working on completion of the project or volunteer service. The Ernie Davis Scholarship Committee can help to connect students with community mentors to provide guidance with their efforts. Please contact the committee directly at ernie.davis.scholarship@gmail.com.

The purpose of the scholarship is to “spread the word” about the incredible legacy of Ernie Davis. During the process, the applicant will be asked to reflect on racism during Ernie Davis’s era and the present. Applicant may choose one of two ways to spread the word:

Volunteer Service Option:	Project Option:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant completes 44 or more hours of volunteer service with a social justice* organization or community agency that helps underserved populations • Throughout their volunteer service, the applicant effectively “spreads the word” about Ernie Davis • The applicant consciously considers the number of people reached by spreading the word while volunteering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant creates a project which effectively “spreads the word” about Ernie Davis • The applicant incorporates observations about racism and the challenges of social justice* during Ernie Davis’s era and today • The applicant consciously considers the number of people reached by the spread the word project

**Defining social justice: everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights.*

Please return the following information to the Community Foundation, 301 S. Main S, Horseheads, NY 14845 by **April 1**. If you have any questions, please contact Katie McConville at cmm@communityfund.org or (607) 739-3900. Application forms may be reproduced.

- € A completed application form (*it is important to answer ALL appropriate questions*)
- € Reflection essay questions (*see application form for questions and specifications*)
- € 2 reference letters that speak to the qualities and characteristics exhibited by Ernie Davis that are shared by the applicant.
- € Activity Listing/Resume (*see application for details*)
- € A transcript that includes **GPA of 80 or higher**, class rank and SAT/ACT scores if available
- € A copy of your parent/legal guardian’s most recent tax return**
- € Copy of any material used for project/volunteer service.

The application will be graded on the following criteria:

40 pts. for the Project or Volunteer Service and its impact in Spreading the Word; 30 pts. for Character/Leadership; 10 pts. for Sports Participation; 10 pts. for Academics; 10 pts. regarding Financial Need.

Ernie Davis Scholarship Application

Please return to the Community Foundation by **April 1**

Last Name First Name MI

Address e-mail address

High School School District

List parents or guardian names and addresses if not same as student.

Name Name

Address Address

Home and Work Phone Home and Work Phone

Included:

- Reflection Questions
- 2 Reference Letters
- Tax return
- Transcript
- "Spread the Word" project or confirmation of volunteer hours
- Activity List

List all siblings and those who are financially dependent. Give age, college or occupation:

Field of study applicant plans to pursue: _____

Name of college, university or vocational school you plan to attend: _____

Accepted _____ Pending _____ Enrolled _____

Housing plans: On Campus _____ Off-campus _____

What are your career goals upon completion of your higher education?

Give details regarding other scholarships, grants or loans you have received. Include amount.

Approximate number of people impacted by your project/volunteer services: _____

• **Please attach a separate sheet listing the following information by year:**

- Participation in varsity, junior varsity and/or community teams
- Memberships and participation in school organizations and activities
- Leadership roles/elected offices
- Awards received
- Volunteer experience
- Membership and participation in community organizations
- Employment experience

- **Please attach a copy of your transcript that includes class rank, GPA of 80 or higher, SAT or ACT score.**

Please indicate any unusual family or personal circumstances you feel warrant attention:

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

After researching the life and qualities of Ernie Davis and completing either the volunteer service option or the project option, please respond to the following questions in no more than 4 pages. Responses should be submitted in typed, double-space format.

- (1) **What was your project or volunteer service and how did it effectively spread the word about the legacy of Ernie Davis?**

- (2) **How did your project or volunteer service expand or change your thoughts on social justice issues like racism? Give an example.**

REFERENCES

Please provide the Foundation with **two** references from people familiar with your goals and attributes. Your reference letters should speak to the qualities and characteristics that you, as the applicant, share with Ernie Davis. Your references may be attached to your application or sent independently. If they are sent independently, please indicate your name and that it is for the Ernie Davis Scholarship.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

* To be signed by parent or guardian

I understand that tax return forms provide information to be used in the consideration of finalists for awards made by the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. Foundation staff considers family size and annual income in order to assign a financial need code. **The information submitted is held in strictest confidence and shredded after the selections have been made.****

I hereby authorize the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. to share this information with members of Ernie Davis Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date _____

Date _____

Certification

I hereby affirm that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I am aware of the conditions under which the awards are made and promise to inform the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. of any change in circumstances of any additional aid received.

Applicant's Signature

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Date _____

Date _____

I am an applicant for the Ernie Davis Scholarship. As such, I agree to strive diligently to achieve and maintain the highest standards both academically and athletically. I agree to learn more about Ernie Davis's life, and most importantly I will emulate, to the best of my ability, his care and concern for others.

Finally, if I am awarded the scholarship I will share with my local schools and my community Ernie Davis's ideals to help students become more aware of his principles and to help instill those high ideals in the students.

Applicant's Signature

Date _____

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Please send applications and other materials to:

The Community Foundation
301 South Main Street
Horseheads, NY 14845