



## 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, \$2,000 will be split equally among all other 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 which emphasizes sportsmanship, team collaboration as well as physical activity. Previous applicants have participated in track, volleyball, dance, marching band and others. If you have any question as to if your participation on a team qualifies, please contact [ernie.davis.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:ernie.davis.scholarship@gmail.com) 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](mailto: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"> <li>• The applicant completes 44 or more hours of volunteer service with a social justice* organization or community agency that helps underserved populations</li> <li>• Throughout their volunteer service, the applicant effectively “spreads the word” about Ernie Davis</li> <li>• The applicant consciously considers the number of people reached by spreading the word while volunteering</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Defining social justice: everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant creates a project which effectively “spreads the word” about Ernie Davis</li> <li>• The applicant incorporates observations about racism and the challenges of social justice* during Ernie Davis’s era and today</li> <li>• The applicant consciously considers the number of people reached by the spread the word project</li> </ul>

**Application is submitted online through the Community Foundation Scholarship Portal.**

Visit [bit.ly/ErnieDavisScholarship](http://bit.ly/ErnieDavisScholarship) and sign up for an account to begin your application. If applying for other Community Foundation Scholarships, you can submit through the Common Application. If you have any questions, please contact Katie (McConville) Strickler at [cmm@communityfund.org](mailto:cmm@communityfund.org) or (607) 739-3900.

• **Application includes:**

- € \_\_\_ 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
- € \_\_\_ 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 (for Financial need preference)
- € \_\_\_ 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.*