

# YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

## 2019 Trailblazer Scholarship Award Application



Since its beginning as a YMCA school in 1908, Youngstown State University has been an affordable option for people seeking a college education. In the spirit of YSU's original mission, we are proud to offer the Trailblazer Scholarship Award. It is our goal to enrich YSU's environment by encouraging and supporting students from diverse backgrounds to pick Youngstown State University as their college of choice.

- Applicant must submit a completed application, including written responses to two of the three essay prompts. Both sides of the application must be completed and signed.
- **Applicant must be a recent high school graduate and be considered an incoming freshman for fall 2019.** College in High School and/or College Credit Plus students who have not yet graduated from high school may apply for this award. *Transfer and current YSU students are not eligible for this award.* Applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 **and** an ACT composite of 19 or a SAT composite of 990.
- Applicant must be a member of one of the following ethnic groups: African-American or Pan-African, Asian or Pan-Asian, Latino/Latinx, Middle Eastern (Arab or Israeli), etc. **AND/OR** must be a "First Generation" college student (meaning, neither parent has a 4-year college degree from any country).
- Applicant's financial need shall be determined by Federal guidelines.

**Trailblazer Scholarship is a \$2,000 award for incoming freshmen. It is renewable for six semesters if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA while a student at YSU. For first consideration, applications should be received by April 15. Send completed application to the Office of Admissions – One University Plaza, Youngstown, Ohio 44555 or fax to 330-941-3674.**

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ YSU ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Are you an Ohio Resident?  Yes  No  
Current Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Activities *(attach an additional page if needed)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Volunteer Activities and Hobbies *(attach an additional page if needed)* \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Major at YSU \_\_\_\_\_

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GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT or SAT score: \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript Attached?  Yes  No  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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**ESSAY/SHORT ANSWER**

*Each of your essays should be no longer than 500 words. Think about and write your answers carefully. Review your essays for correct grammar and spelling. These essays are read and scored by a committee composed of YSU staff and/or faculty members. Please attach your essay answers on a separate sheet. Include your name and YSU Student ID number at the top of each page.*

**Essay Prompts – Answer two (2) prompts from the choices below**

1. Failure is a fact of life. Each of us will fail at something. Tell us about a time you failed and how you turned that failure into a positive influence on your life.
2. As a current high school senior, what advice about being successful in high school would you offer to an incoming high school freshman?
3. Think about one of your favorite books or movies and explain why it's one of your favorites. Provide a well-reasoned, detailed explanation — do not write "Just because I like it".

I authorize the verification of the information provided on this form.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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