



## Judy Taminger Scholarship Fund Application Guidelines

### **PURPOSE:**

This scholarship provides financial assistance for residents of Smyth County pursuing a career in education. Like Judy exemplified, scholarship applicants must show they have a heart for community service. Judy spent many years giving back to her community and lifting up other people around her. Through this scholarship, we will reward applicants who illustrate they have that same spirit.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Judy Taminger lived in Marion with her family from 1968 until her passing in 2023. She dedicated her time and energy to those in her community, focusing on education. As Judy put it, "After growing up, I found myself really wanting to do something meaningful in my community." She taught at the Blue Ridge Job Corps Center for 16 years, then served as the coordinator for Smyth County Adult Literacy

Education, teaching adults to read. Later, Judy wrote, "I feel that I truly have received more than I have given in the battle for literacy." She and her husband, John, spent many volunteer hours working to establish the Friends of Hungry Mother State Park. In addition, Judy was actively involved at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, welcoming guests, and new members.

Judy is universally remembered for her generosity, loving spirit, and devotion to helping others in her community. Her family established this scholarship to honor her memory, to stress the importance of education, and to recognize local students who demonstrate the spirit of giving and community service that Judy exemplified.

### **POLICY:**

This scholarship is available to residents of Smyth County (required) who are currently in high school, are high school graduates, or adults returning to school or pursuing a career change.

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:**

1. Attendance at or application to attend a college or other higher education institution to pursue a career in education. Scholarship awards are contingent upon acceptance and enrollment in an approved and accredited program.
2. Submission of a completed "Smyth County Community Foundation Scholarship Application" online which includes the ability to upload the required "attachments" requested on the application. In the application, focus your essay on describing how your past experiences and future plans exemplify Judy's dedication to teaching, service, and community.
3. Submission of 2 letters of recommendation or references, expressing how the applicant demonstrates his/her dedication to community service and a sharing spirit.
4. OPTIONAL- Application for FAFSA, Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

## PROCEDURE:

- The application and required attachments must be submitted online at [smythccf.org](http://smythccf.org) no later than 11:59 pm on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Applications for the scholarship must be renewed annually.
- Required attachments to be uploaded as part of the application submission include:
  - Two Letters of recommendation and/or references (current), as stated above.
  - All Academic Transcripts (all high schools and colleges which are applicable).
  - Student Aid Report – submit pages 1 and 2 of SAR which provides the Expected Family Contribution number and Student information. This is generated from the completed FAFSA application.
- The scholarship committee will review and evaluate all applications and announce awards each spring.
- **The scholarship will be paid directly to the school for the current year and may be applied to tuition, school fees, books, or other officially approved school-related expenses.**
- The scholarship committee will also review and revise the scholarship policy and criteria as necessary.

## CRITERIA:

Below is the breakdown of the scoring criteria for the Judy Tamingler Scholarship.

5 points	Academics and Prior Education
10 points	Degree Pursued and Intent to Teach
10 points	Community Involvement
5 points	Work Experience and Any Planned Career Change
20 points	Essay, including dedication to teaching and service to community
10 points	Letters of Recommendation or References, two required

**Direct any questions to Smyth County Community Foundation office at (276) 378-8090.**

Failure to provide any of the above information or documentation by the deadline will disqualify an applicant from consideration for the Judy Tamingler Scholarship. Smyth County Community Foundation Scholarship Committee reserves the right to interview applicants in the final stages of selection.

The decision of the scholarship committee in all matters regarding scholarships is FINAL. Canvassing a Scholarship Benefactor, any Smyth County Community Foundation board member or staff member shall result in immediate disqualification. Scholarship awards are subject to the availability of funds and contingent upon acceptance and enrollment in an approved and accredited program.

Smyth County Community Foundation respects the privacy of scholarship applicants. Any personal or financial information will be used for the purpose of assessing the scholarship application and will be made available solely to the Foundation's staff and scholarship selection committee. We make every effort to maintain your confidentiality.

**Smyth County Community Foundation is an equal opportunity organization.**