

# Preferred Foundation Christopher P. Taft Scholarship 2023 Application

Application Deadline: February 28, 2023

Administered by the Preferred Foundation, a corporate giving entity of Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, Christopher P. Taft Scholarship will be awarded to one Unadilla Valley High School Senior who has a demonstrated record of strong community service and an academic standing of 85 or above. One scholarship is available, the winner will be receiving \$1,000 each year for up to four years.

Selection is based on review of the application and the required materials documenting community service, academic performance and activities. A personal interview is also part of the selection process for finalists. Scholarship money may be used to pay tuition, room and board, and other college fees. Disbursement will be made upon receipt of bills due or proof of payment made. Funds will be released to the appropriate party.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Unadilla Valley High School Seniors who have a demonstrated record of strong community service and an average academic standing of 85 or above and pursuing a degree in Accounting/Business are eligible.

## HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Complete applications can be submitted electronically by saving as a PDF under the applicant's name, and emailed to: [corporate.communications@preferredmutual.com](mailto:corporate.communications@preferredmutual.com).

**A confirmation email will be provided upon receipt of the application. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 3 days, please make sure to resubmit the application by the deadline.**

## QUESTIONS?

The Christopher P. Taft Scholarship is administered by the Preferred Mutual Advisory Committee. Questions about this program should be directed to **800.333.7642 ext. 1301** or emailed to [corporate.communications@preferredmutual.com](mailto:corporate.communications@preferredmutual.com).

## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Your application will be reviewed for content, completeness, and timeliness. Applications must be received no later than **February 28, 2023. Please leave adequate time for your confirmation email to arrive prior to the deadline.**

The application consists of the four parts below. If needed, you can add additional pages to the application in order to have ample space to answer each question.

- I. Personal information.
- II. Community Involvement. (40 points)
- III. Essay Question. (30 points)
- IV. Academics and Activities. Information about your academic record and school-related activities. (30 points)

**Parts II - IV will be graded up to a maximum score of 100 points.** Top scoring applicants will be invited to interview with the Advisory Committee.

## PART I: Personal Information

Applicant Full Legal Name:	
Home Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Home Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Date of Birth:	
High School Name:	
Name and Phone Number of High School Guidance Counselor:	
Parent/Guardian(s) Full Legal Name:	
Relationship to Student:	
Name and Address of the College You Anticipate Attending:	

## PART II: Community Involvement (40 points)

List any activities outside of school in which you have participated within the past calendar year (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022), and the total number of hours per activity. Include activities such as: community service (outside of school sponsored activities), volunteer work, and part-time employment.

Outside of School Activity	Total Hours/Activity	Leadership Roles/Honors Received

Please provide the name and telephone number of one reference from the abovementioned activities.

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### **PART III: Essay Questions (30 points)**

**Please type your answer and submit with this application as an attachment. The essay should be completed in 750 words or less and give insight into your personality and future goals.**

We expect scholarship recipients to integrate their education with meaningful extracurricular and community experiences. Pick a beyond-the-classroom activity where you have taken initiative and tell us more about your involvement. Share what you have learned from your experience. How do you envision building upon this experience to contribute to your community?

**PART IV: Academics and Activities (30 points)**

This section highlights your academic record, achievements and school-related activities. Attach a copy of your high school transcript and summarize information in the table below (list your best score). Transcripts should be scanned and emailed as an attachment with your application.

Senior Class Rank	GPA	ACT Composite Score	SAT Math Score	SAT Verbal Score	SAT Writing Score

List Academic Awards/Scholarships	List Non-Academic Awards/Scholarships	List School-based Activities/Clubs (drama club, music, sports teams, etc.)

**APPLICANTS SIGNATURE:**  
I, the undersigned, certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct (by typing your name in this box it serves as my signature). If I am selected as a finalist, I give my permission for my name and photo to be used for publicity.

Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
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**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:**  
For applicants under the age of 18: I, the undersigned, certify that if my child is selected as a finalist, I give my permission for his/her name and photograph to be used for publicity purposes.

Guardian's Signature:		Date:	
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