Blanche and Thomas Hope Scholarship
PNC Institutional Investments, Trustee

THE PROGRAM
PNC Institutional Investments, Trustee, has established the Blanche and Thomas Hope Scholarship to assist high school seniors residing in designated areas in Kentucky and Ohio who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Renewable scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship America®. Scholarship America is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY
Applicants to the Blanche and Thomas Hope Scholarship must be -

- High school seniors residing in Kentucky or Ohio and attending one of the following high schools:
  - Boyd County High School, Ashland, KY
  - Russell High School, Russell, KY
  - Fairview High School, Ashland, KY
  - Greenup County High School, Greenup, KY
  - Lawrence County High School, Louisa, KY
  - Paul G. Blazer High School, Ashland, KY
  - Raceland-Worthington High School, Raceland, KY
  - Rose Hill Christian School, Ashland, KY
  - Chesapeake High School, Chesapeake, OH
  - Collins Career Center, Chesapeake, OH
  - Dawson-Bryant High School, Coal Grove, OH
  - Fairland High School, Proctorville, OH
  - Ironton High School, Ironton, OH
  - Oak Hill High School, Oak Hill, OH
  - Rock Hill High School, Ironton, OH
  - St. Joseph High School, Ironton, OH
  - South Point High School, South Point, OH
  - Symmes Valley High School, Willow Wood, OH
- Planning to enroll in the full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.

AWARDS
If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award in an amount determined by the Blanche and Thomas Hope Scholarship Committee. Awards may be renewed for up to five (5) years or until a degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon the recipient maintaining a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent) in a full-time course of study and continuation of the program by PNC Institutional Investments, Trustee.

Students who graduate early will only receive half of the award that year.

Awards are for undergraduate and graduate study.

APPLICATION
Interested students must complete the application and mail it along with a current, complete transcript of grades to Scholarship America postmarked no later than **March 1.** Grade reports are not acceptable. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship America to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship America and the Blanche and Thomas Hope Scholarship Committee.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, goals and aspirations statement, unusual personal or family circumstances and consideration of financial need.

Selection of recipients is made by the Blanche and Thomas Hope Scholarship Committee. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship America processes scholarship payments on behalf of PNC Institutional Investments, Trustee. Payments are made in one installment in early August. Checks are mailed to each recipient's school and are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to PNC Institutional Investments, Trustee. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship America of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

PNC Institutional Investments, the Trustee, reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Blanche and Thomas Hope Scholarship
Scholarship America
One Scholarship Way
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Telephone: (507) 931-1682

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL DATA SECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Financial Data section of the application should be completed by the applicants' parents or guardian. Information should be from a completed tax return or based on estimated information to be filed with the IRS.

1. **State of residence** is the state where the parents reside and pay state income tax.

2. **Adjusted gross income** can be found on IRS FORM 1040 and is gross income reduced by specific adjustments allowed by law.

3. **Total federal tax paid** includes the total amount of **federal** income tax to be paid as reported on IRS FORM 1040. This is **not** the amount withheld from employee's paychecks. (The amount withheld should be adjusted by any refund or additional taxes due.) Do **not** report state income tax.

4. **Total income** of the parent(s) should be reported individually. Provide information for both natural parents, when possible. **If the student resides with only one parent,** financial information **must** be received from the parent who claims the child as a dependent for tax purposes. If a parent has remarried, the spouse's information is required if the spouse is a legal guardian of the student, or claims the student as a dependent, or the student is included in the spouse's benefit plan. **If necessary, two Financial Data sections may be submitted by the student.** A copy of the Financial Data section may be made in order for one to be completed by each parent.

5. **Total number of family members living in the household** and primarily supported by the reported income may include:
    - the applicant
    - the applicant's parents
    - other children living in the household
    - dependent college students living away from home
    - other people who live in the household and receive more than half of their support from the reported income

6. **Marital status** is the current status of the person from whom the financial information is submitted.

7. **Of the total number of family members on line 5, number of students attending college** includes family members attending a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school at least half-time. Include the applicant in this number. Do not include parents.

NOTE: Any exceptions to providing financial information as instructed above must be submitted to Scholarship Management Services in writing.