



March 19, 2019

Dear Guidance Counselor:

The **Kingsport Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation** is pleased again to offer its \$5,000 **Santa Train Scholarship presented by Domtar** (\$1,250 a year) to a graduating high school senior. This scholarship is good for four consecutive years as long as the student stays in an accredited school and maintains the equivalent of a 2.5 grade point average.

Sponsored by the **Kingsport Chamber, Food City, CSX Transportation** and **Soles for Souls**, the Santa Train is an annual train journey through Appalachia (Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia and Eastern Kentucky) where volunteers from Kingsport distribute more than 17 tons of gifts, clothes, candies and toys to children along the 110-mile route. All monetary gifts received for the scholarship fund have been donated by individuals, companies and organizations across the country.

The criteria for eligibility of this scholarship are to be a graduating Kentucky, Virginia or Tennessee high school student; attend a school in a county bordering the train route; financial need (based on family need); academic records; extra-curricular activities; work records; and a counselor's recommendation.

Please nominate a qualified 2019 graduate from your school. **You may nominate more than one candidate.** To help us in our selection, **you must provide each** of the following pieces of information about your candidate(s) on the online application:

- Letter of recommendation from a school administrator or counselor
- Letter of introduction **from the student** explaining why the student deserves the scholarship
- Academic records, work history, extracurricular activities
- Family financial summary (state aid form or income tax form)
- Other scholarships and/or grants the student has already received
- Please let us know the date and time of your honors award ceremony – we like to attend and present the scholarship

Student information must be returned to us by **April 19th, 2019**. Please email all information to **btaylor@funfest.net**. If you have any questions, please contact **BriAnna Taylor** at **(423) 392-8806**.

Thank you for your assistance!



Sincerely,

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