



THE GOVERNOR JOHN ENGLER

CENTER FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SPIRIT — *of the* — FUTURE

DR. LEONARD E. & LOUISE A. PLACHTA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Established in 2011 by Louise A. Plachta, this scholarship is to honor the memory of her late husband, Dr. Leonard E. Plachta, who served as president of Central Michigan University from 1992 – 2000. During his time at CMU, Dr. Plachta played an instrumental role in pioneering Michigan's charter school movement and was integral in CMU's authorization of the first charter school in the state in 1994. Today, CMU is one of the largest university authorizers of charter public schools in the nation.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Plachta were born and raised in the city of Detroit. In order to give back to the community from which they came and provide inspiration and support to charter high school graduates, the Dr. Leonard E. Plachta scholarship was established. The scholarship is offered annually to a student who is graduating from a Detroit charter school authorized by CMU and will be attending CMU full time after graduation, or is currently a full time student at CMU.

It was Mrs. Plachta's hope that students who receive this assistance will be able to better develop a bold vision for the future, demonstrate courageous leadership and be models of integrity – thereby carrying on her husband's legacy.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To apply:

- » Candidate must be graduating, or have graduated, from a charter public school authorized by Central Michigan University located in the city of Detroit.
- » Candidate must be attending CMU during the upcoming fall semester.
- » Candidate must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Submission requirements:

- » A completed scholarship application.
(An electronic version is available at www.TheCenterForCharters.org/SpiritOfTheFuture)
- » A recommendation from a teacher or school administrator.
- » Your school transcript.
- » One page, single-spaced essay on one of the topics outlined below.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Personal Email Address: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

High School: _____

School Counselor Name: _____

School Counselor's Phone Number: _____

School Counselor's Email: _____

ESSAY

It is the goal of The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools to recognize graduates who value education, serve as positive role models to their peers and express a bright vision for the future.

Please submit a one page, single-spaced essay relating to one of the following topics:

- » An event or person that has had an impact on you and how it/they affected your future ambitions.
- » Describe a time you demonstrated leadership and took initiative.
- » Describe a challenge you have overcome.

MEMBERSHIPS AND LEADERSHIP

Please list your active involvement in organizations at your high school or in your community (clubs, teams, churches, groups, societies, associations, committees, councils). Include the name of the organization, type of work involved, description of any leadership position held and dates of involvement. (Attach additional pages if necessary)

HIGHER EDUCATION OR ADVANCEMENT PLACEMENT

Please list any higher education institutions' courses that you are attending or have attended.

Name of Institution:	Description of course:	Date of participation:

AWARDS AND HONORS

Please list awards, honors and scholarships given by your high school, a business or a national or community organization that you have received.

Name of recognition:	Description of recognition:	Date of recognition:

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, COMPETITIONS & FOREIGN EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES

Include your participation in conferences, workshops and competitions outside of high school, such as at your local community college, at a state competition or through a community agency. List foreign exchange programs or group study trips abroad.

Name of experience:	Description of experience:	Date of participation:

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE

List community and volunteer service projects and activities that you have completed while in high school.

Name of organization:	Description of work:	Date of participation:

EMPLOYMENT

List all jobs you have held while you have been in high school. This may include paid positions or positions where you have worked to gain experience, such as internships. You may include personal family obligations where you may not have been paid.

Name of organization:	Description of work:	Date of participation:

I certify that the information I have supplied in this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

All of the information below must be submitted to the Scholarship Selection Committee by **January 31**.

- » A completed scholarship application.
- » A recommendation from a teacher or school administrator.
- » Your school transcript.
- » Your essay.

Send completed application to:

Spirit of the Future Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools
Central Michigan University
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

————— **Or** —————

Email a PDF of required documents to **Info@TheCenterForCharters.org**

For more information visit www.TheCenterForCharters.org/SpiritOfTheFuture or call Tim Odykirk at The Governor John Engler Center for Charter Schools at 989-774-2100. The Selection Committee may choose to interview top candidates. Scholarship is contingent upon availability of funds.