

The Justison Foundation Scholarship

**Provided through the
Hillsboro Educational Foundation, Inc.**

The Justison Foundation is an effort spearheaded to provide educational advancement, charitable giving, and promote community development through economic prosperity, cultural vitality, sustainability, and healthy lifestyles. The effort is being led by Tommy Justison and Ashley Estwin and the impact is channeled through multiple avenues of prioritized investment in our community's historied past, opportunistic present and pioneering spirit for the future. This scholarship is given in homage to the entrepreneurial spirit and civic commitment of the past and present members of the Justison Family, and its ancillary branches including the Loveless Family of Carlinville, the Behrens Family of Gillespie, and the Haddad-Lewis Family of Staunton.

The family is best known locally for Justison Farms, a fourth-generation family row crop operation headquartered two miles north of Butler. The long-established farm family immigrated from Lithuania in 1914 initially to Macoupin County with the subsequent generation settling and beginning the foundation of the modern farm in Raymond and Butler Grove Townships. The home farmstead, now a mile north of the current headquarters serves today as a private family airport. What had initially begun as an 80-acre farm has exponentially expanded to include now several thousand acres of row crop production covering a 125-mile radius and serving counties in both central and southern Illinois.

This is due dually to the commitment of subsequent generations of the family to grow and innovate the business and the trust and support of our community partners willing to invest in the future vision of the operation. We are so very fortunate to have been supported by our neighbors and community right from the very beginning of the operation—even initially as outsiders to the area. This mindset of community has driven us to develop an intimate understanding of how we can best support our home and the associative local economies where our fields are located. We work collaboratively to continue the legacy of the past and foster a sustainable future to grow and innovate sound stewardship of the business for long-term continued success.

CRITERIA

- The applicant must have maintained a “C” average or above at Hillsboro High School.
- Letters of Recommendation are **optional** to include with your application.
- A brief typewritten answer to the essay questions must be submitted with the application.
- Application must be submitted to the counselor’s office at Hillsboro High School to be reviewed by The Justison Foundation Board of Directors.
- An applicant interview may be conducted virtually or in person depending on the number of qualified applicants.

AWARD

- The recipient of this award may use the donation for tuition or fees.
- This award may be used to enter a four-year college/university, a two-year program, or a trade school/certificate program.
- At least one \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually, dependent on available resources.
- This award will be announced at the Hillsboro High School Honor’s Night program by Tommy Justison, the President of the Justison Foundation, or one of its Board of Directors.

FUNDING

- Funding for this scholarship is made directly to the Foundation by The Justison Foundation.

Personal Information (This will be kept confidential.)

Full Name:	Email address: Cell phone:
Home Phone:	List any unusual demands on family income:
Full Address:	Date of Birth:
Class rank (HS students only) ___ out of ___	School: HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
Income of Parent (as reported on IRS form 1040)	I am applying as: ___ Graduating high school student
College Cost (Anticipated cost of tuition, housing, & fees:	Career Goals:
Available Assets: Please provide your family’s expected contribution (EFC) according to the FAFSA finding:	Other scholarships, grants, and financial aid you have already received:

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Name of Applicant: _____

Best Contact Number for Interview: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Place of Employment:

of Siblings: _____ # of siblings in college/trade school: _____

Explain any unusual demands on your family income:

Extracurricular activities (clubs, work, sports, etc. Attach an extra sheet if needed.) _____

University/school you will be attending: _____

Area of study: _____

Essays:

On a separate piece of paper, please provide a brief, typewritten answer to the following three question prompts. Successful essay responses will accurately represent your character, thoughtfulness, and passion and will give us a view of your authentic self. Tell us a story. Make it personal and be specific on your impact or the impact of others on you.

1. Please provide a detailed explanation of your future plans and why you are passionate about pursuing this career path. How will this scholarship make a difference for you achieving those aspirations?
2. How do you define Servant Leadership? How will you make a difference in your community either professionally, personally, or both?
3. In the year 2050, a movie is being made of your life. Please tell us the name of your movie, the actor/actress that you would want to represent you and briefly summarize the story line.

Signature of student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent: _____ Date: _____

Completion Checklist:

_____ Essay Questions Responses

_____ Letters of Recommendation - **(OPTIONAL)**

_____ FAFSA – **(If Applicable)**

_____ Contact Information for Interview

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED MATERIALS TO:
HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE
522 E. TREMONT STREET HILLSBORO, IL 62049**