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MEMORANDUM

TO: YSU Deans, Chairs, and Scholarship Awarding Authorities

FROM: Youngstown State University Foundation (“YSUF”, “the Foundation”)

DATE: July 1, 2025

SUBJECT: Changes to YSUF Scholarship Application and Awarding Process

As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and compliance with donor intent and recent legal developments, the YSU Foundation is implementing critical changes to the administration of scholarships. Moving forward, the Foundation will implement its own scholarship application. Once finalized, detailed instructions will be communicated. ALL students must complete the application to be considered for a scholarship through the YSU Foundation. Application reviews and recipient selections will be made by the YSU Foundation staff.

Previously, scholarship applications were submitted through YSU, and recipients were selected by committees and individuals throughout campus. With these changes, students will now have to apply directly through YSUF, and all scholarship decisions will be made internally within the Foundation.

We appreciate your cooperation during this transition and will soon provide further details regarding the new application process. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Heather Chunn, VP Operations & HR at 330-941-2123.

Our goal with this transition is to ensure that all scholarship opportunities continue to be available and make a meaningful impact on YSU students’ academic journeys, while creating and maintaining these necessary legal distinctions. Thank you for your continued dedication to supporting all YSU students.

Sincerely,
Heather R. Chunn
VP Operations & HR
Youngstown State University Foundation