

# JEFFREY COPELAND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR ENGINEERING STUDIES

Scholarship Guidelines  
2016-2017

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## Scholarship Background

In celebration of Elford, Inc.'s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Elford has established a scholarship fund in honor of its CEO, Jeffrey L. Copeland, PE, FE, MBA. Jeff knew as a young student he wanted to build buildings and work in the construction industry. He earned a BSCE in civil engineering from Purdue University and an MBA from Xavier University. During his years at Elford, Jeff has overseen a wide range of major capital projects, including research facilities, hospitals, K-12 and higher education facilities, retirement communities, manufacturing plants, and corporate offices.

Jeff is a registered professional engineer (PE), registered forensic engineer (FE), member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, and member of the National Academy of Forensic Engineers. He has served as president and board member of the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio.

Jeff provides community service to central Ohio through his work with Rotary International, the Workforce Investment Board, and his church. He has also served as a school board member (nine years) and past board president (two years) of Westerville City Schools.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates must be a graduating senior of a Westerville City Schools high school.
- Candidates must plan to pursue a degree in engineering.
- Candidates must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale at the end of the first semester of their senior year.
- Candidates must plan to attend a four-year college or university, with preference given to those attending a Big 10 school.

## Selection Criteria

- 50% Essay and Interview
- 30% Financial Need
- 20% Community Service

**Payment Distribution** All awards are paid directly to the educational institution.  
Funds may be used for any educational expenses.

## Selection Committee

- Family Member of Jeff Copeland
- Representative of Elford, Inc.
- Senior Guidance Counselor, Westerville Central High School
- Senior Guidance Counselor, Westerville North High School

- Senior Guidance Counselor, Westerville South High School

**Application Requirements**

- Essay (250-500 words) explaining why they are choosing engineering and explain how they plan to make a difference through their career.
- Application
- Student Aid Report from FAFSA

**Renewal**

Scholarship is not renewable.

**Award Amount**

\$2,000

**Contact Information**

Westerville Central: Carrie Ackerman  
Westerville North: Julie Taylor  
Westerville South: Jennifer Stovall

**Deadline**

January 13, 2017