WABASH KIWANIS CLUB

**Wabash, Indiana**

# RE: MIDWEST EYE CONSULTANTS SELF-RELIANCE AWARD

Dear High School Senior:

Congratulations on your achievements leading towards graduation in 2018. We are pleased that you are applying to receive one of the four Midwest Eye Consultants Self-Reliance awards. The award is given annually to graduating seniors of Wabash County who are selected through an application and interview process conducted by the Wabash Kiwanis Club.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Midwest Eye Consultants Self-Reliance Award is to honor those seniors who have done the best with what he or she has. This can include, but is not limited to those who have:

## Persevered through difficult situations in life to successfully receive their high school diploma

* Shown self-reliance and initiative in organizing a project benefitting other people in their community or the global community

## Awards

Four applicants will receive awards. Each of these individuals will receive a $2,000 cash reward. The monetary awards are provided by Midwest Eye Consultants.

## Recognition

The four award finalists will be honored at a special award’s luncheon at the Honeywell Center. County business people, government leaders, Kiwanians, school administrators, and two guests of each finalist will be invited to attend to help congratulate the finalists for their accomplishments.

## Applications/References/Interviews

The application and reference sheet must be returned to your guidance counselor by Wednesday, February 28. Make sure to include the names of three references (teacher, employer, and friend) with their current addresses. Also, please inform your references that they will be contacted soon to write a letter of reference.

Individual interviews will be conducted with the semi-finalists on the evening of April 25 at the Honeywell Center. Finalists will be notified by mail and/or email, so please make sure that we have your correct mailing address.

Go to [www.midwesteyeconsultants.com/self-reliance](http://www.midwesteyeconsultants.com/self-reliance) to download, print, and/or apply online.

For more information about the award process, please contact your guidance counselor or principal. Again, we thank you for applying, and we wish you continued success in life.

Sincerely,

Beth Miller

Wabash Kiwanis

Program Chair

Return to Guidance Counselor by Wednesday, February 28, 2018

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# APPLICATION – MIDWEST EYE CONSULTANTS SELF-RELIANCE AWARD

# Administered by WABASH KIWANIS CLUB

(Award luncheon will be held at the Honeywell Center in May)

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## MIDWEST EYE CONSULTANTS SELF-RELIANCE AWARD

The Midwest Eye Consultants Self-Reliance Award is to provide recognition, along with a cash award, to Wabash County high school seniors who best exhibit the character of self-reliance. The Self-Reliance Award is designed to seek out and honor seniors who “do the best with what they have” while overcoming difficult personal circumstances and perhaps needing to seek employment to help his or her family with expenses. The award may also be given to a senior who shows self-reliance and initiative in doing projects for others.

The Wabash Kiwanis Club has continually sought to encourage young people to establish high, but attainable goals and apply themselves to achieve those goals. The purpose of the Midwest Eye Consultants Self-Reliance Award is to follow these principles.

The following statements are correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The definition of self-reliance is the capacity to manage one’s own affairs, make one’s own judgments, and provide for oneself, one’s group or organization, independence, self-determination, and self-sufficiency. Based on this definition, what circumstances have you had to overcome or persevere through to achieve graduation and prepare for life after high school? These would be circumstances that the average person does not have to face or overcome. A self-reliant student might also show initiative as he or she works for the improvement of other people in his or her community or the global community.**

**How do you contribute your time around the house, both before and after school? If you are applying for this award because of work you have initiated for the benefit of others, what projects or activities have you done for this initiative?**

**Are you involved in any school, community, or church activities? (Indicate approximate time involved in your activities and how long you have been involved in each.)**

**Are you employed outside of the home before or after school? If yes, how many hours per week? Where? What other job experience have you had prior to your current position?**

**Is any part of your income used to help with family living expenses? Please explain in detail.**

**What are your plans, goals, and objectives upon graduating from high school?**

**Please provide additional information about yourself that has not already been asked that you believe will help the selection committee in their decision-making process.**

**Are your parents or guardians a member of the Wabash Kiwanis Club**

**or Midwest Eye Consultants employees?**

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Yes: Please provide the member’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_No**

**REFERENCES**

Please submit three (3) references with your application. Inform your references that you have listed them as a reference and that the Wabash Kiwanis Club will be contacting them to provide a reference letter for you. They will be asked how they know you, how long, and why they think you deserve this award. **You are responsible for providing the correct address / e-mail addresses of your references.** Reference letters are very critical to the selection process and to you being chosen as a finalist. The areas listed below are suggested categories of references. **Please do not use relatives for references.**

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***Please have your high school guidance counselor / administrator complete:***

**GUIDANCE COUNSELOR:**

I have reviewed this application for the Midwest Eye Consultants Self-Reliance Award. I am willing to report that the applicant is a student in good standing at this high school and eligible to graduate this spring.

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 Signature of Counselor Printed Name of Counselor

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