



Dear Students, Parents, and Guidance Counselors,

For 2026, the Grayslake Area Chamber of Commerce will be awarding \$1500 scholarships to worthy students. The scholarships are available to students who live in the 127 District Boundaries. Relatives of members of the Grayslake Chamber Board of Directors are not eligible to receive the scholarship.

Selection is based on the following:

- Need of Financial Assistance
- Achievement
- School Involvement
- Volunteer Service
- Essay
- The candidate must be a graduating high school senior entering an accredited institution of higher learning (technical institute, junior college, business college, university, etc.) the fall term following the granting of the scholarship.

To be considered, the following items must be included with your application:

- Completed and signed Scholarship Application form.
- An essay about living here in a small town along with your favorite event.
- An acceptance letter from the school the student will be attending.

Applications must be **postmarked by March 1, 2026**, and mailed to:

*Grayslake Area Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 167
Grayslake, IL 60030*

Sincerely,

Maribeth Hamm Executive Director

2026 Scholarship Application

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

- Need of Financial Assistance
- Achievement
- School Involvement
- Volunteer Service
- Essay

The candidate must be a graduating high school senior and must plan to enter an accredited institution of higher learning (technical institute, junior college, business college, university, etc.) the fall term following the granting of the scholarship.

AN ACCEPTANCE LETTER FROM THE SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IS REQUIRED BEFORE THE ACTUAL SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE CONSIDERED.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Approximate Annual Salary (including commissions): _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Approximate Annual Salary (including commissions): _____

HIGHER EDUCATION COST INFORMATION:

Number of dependent children living at home (including applicant): _____

Number of dependent children in college (not including applicant): _____

Name of College attending _____

Total cost per year of school you are planning to attend: _____

(Include tuition, housing, meal plan (if applicable))

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS & FINANCIAL AID:

List below other scholarships, grants, financial aid, etc. that you have received and specify how many dollars per year. Please list separately by category. Please explain if these are reoccurring funds or a one-time allotment.

APPLICANT'S ACHIEVEMENT & STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:

List below your community service activities, work, and volunteer jobs:

List below your school involvement including extracurricular activities (athletics, music, school offices held, etc.).

List below any recognition, awards, or honors you have received.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

State the reason(s) you need financial assistance:

APPLICANT INFO:

Anything else you would like us to consider in regards to the scholarship?

IMPORTANT: Attach a typed, double-spaced essay about your favorite event here in Grayslake and why.

NOTE: *Winners will be recognized on May 18, 2026, at the Chamber's monthly networking luncheon. Winners must be present at the luncheon. Winners will also agree to Volunteer at one of the 2026 Chamber Events. Failure to complete one of these options will result in the scholarship being forfeited. Unfortunately- no exceptions will be made. Applicants agree to the chamber posting their photo/video on the chamber's social media pages.*

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____