

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

clchamberfoundation.org

Must be returned by **Wednesday, March 20th, by 3:00 p.m.**

Possible Interview will be April 4th, 2024 @ Crystal Lake South

Our mission is to assist future leaders by providing financial and educational resources to support those pursuing their dreams of a four-year, two-year, and trade school education. Each of these scholarships is sponsored by our local chamber businesses to help our students progress in their educational dreams.

**Exemplar Financial Network Scholarship 2023-2024 (1 available at \$2,500)**

**For students pursuing their education at a 2-year / 4-year college**

**For students declared as Business Majors with a concentration in Finance Services, Financial Planning, or Accounting**

-Scholarship recipients are obligated to undertake a part-time paid internship after the first year of college.

-Exemplar Financial Network will provide details on the internship post-selection.

-Qualification requires completion of at least one high school business course.

**Skilled Trades Scholarship, Sponsored by Weyers McKeever Financial Partners 2023-2024:  
(1 available at \$2,500)**

**For students going into a trade school or two-year school, which will lead to a diploma or certificate of completion.**

**Caldwell Family Legacy Scholarship 2023-2024: (1 available at \$2,000)**

**For students pursuing a law or pre-law degree.** Created in December 2022 and named in recognition of The Caldwell Family Legacy of three generations of lawyers and judges in McHenry County and their love of law.

**Quarry Cable Park Scholarship 2023-2024: (1 available at \$1,000)**

**For students who are pursuing their education at a 2-year / 4-year college, Trade school, and or Apprenticeship.**

**Align with Your Future Scholarship by Conscious College Planning Scholarship 2023-2024: (1 available at \$1,000)**

**For students who are pursuing their education at a 2-year / 4-year college.**

**Working World Scholarship 2023-2024: (1 available at \$1,000)**

**For students who are pursuing their education at a Trade School/ 2-year.**

**Bob Blazier Community Scholarship (2 available at \$1,000)**

**For students who are pursuing their education at a 2-year / 4-year college.**

- Crystal Lake Chamber Foundation Community Scholarship (3 - 5 available at \$1,000)**  
**For students who are pursuing their education at a 2-year / 4-year college.**
  
- Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital Healthcare Careers Scholarship 2023-2024**  
**(2 available at \$500)**  
**For students pursuing a healthcare pathway**
  
- Chamber Foundation Scholarship 2023-2024, sponsored by local businesses (\$250.00 - \$600.00)**  
**For students pursuing their education at a 2-year / 4-year college.**  
**Sponsored Crystal Lake South Industry and Careers Applied Technology.**

**Applicant Name: (FIRST AND LAST: PRINT)**

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*Please "check" each scholarship that you are applying for.*

**To be considered for any of these awards, please return:**

Application Checklist: **(To be considered for any of these awards, please return:)**

- Scholarship Application Form:** This packet. Completed and signed.
- Scholarship Essay:** (see below) A thoughtful response to the provided essay prompts showcasing my aspirations, experiences, and how you (the student) align with the scholarship's goals.
- Letters of Recommendation:**
  - Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can vouch for your character and accomplishments. At least one form should be a teacher you have had a class with. Recommenders are encouraged to include a personal note on the back of the recommendation sheet, but no formal letter is required.
- Scholarship Resume:** An overview of my qualifications, achievements, and experiences, as outlined below.

**The resume should include at least the following information:**

- Contact Information:
  - Full Name, Email Address
- Objective (Optional):
  - A brief statement summarizing your educational and career goals and why you are applying for the scholarship.
- Education:
  - High School
  - Academic Honors/Awards
- Academic Achievements:
  - GPA
  - Academic Honors/Awards
- Extracurricular Activities:
  - A list of your involvement in clubs, sports, or organizations with descriptions, roles, and accomplishments.
- Community Involvement:
  - Details of your volunteer work, community service, and any leadership roles with descriptions of impact.

- Work Experience:
  - A list of any part-time jobs, internships, or work experience with descriptions of roles and skills gained.
- Skills and Certifications and Awards and Honors

**Scholarship Essay Requirements:**

- Format: All essays must be typed as part of the scholarship application.
- Length: Your essay should be between 300 - 400 words in length.
  - (Over word count, your application will be disqualified)
- Please use a legible and standard font, such as Arial or Calibri, with a font size of 12.
- Pick One of the following essay prompts.

**Option 1:**

High school has been a significant chapter in your life, full of experiences and lessons. Reflect on your journey so far and describe how these experiences, both inside and outside of school, have shaped your aspirations for the future. How have your high school years prepared you for the path you want to take in college and beyond?

**Option 2:**

Think about your high school years as a period of growth and discovery. In your essay, discuss how your involvement in extracurricular activities, academic achievements, and your contributions to your community have influenced your dreams and ambitions. How have your experiences in high school equipped you for what lies ahead in your educational and career journey?

**Option 3:**

High school is more than just classes and homework; it's a time to explore your passions, develop leadership skills, and contribute to the world around you. Share how your involvement in clubs, volunteer work, and academics has prepared you for your future endeavors. How have these experiences helped you become who you are today and influenced your goals for the future?

**Interview:**

As a part of the selection process for the CLCF scholarship, finalists will have the opportunity to participate in a virtual/in-person interview during April. If you are selected as a finalist, your College & Career Advisor will contact you to arrange the interview. These interviews are expected to last approximately 10-15 minutes and will provide you with the chance to showcase your qualifications and aspirations further. April 4th, 2024 will be the date of the interviews @ Crystal Lake South.

**Awards and Luncheon:**

The winners of the CLCF scholarship will be expected to attend a luncheon event on April 18th, 2024. This luncheon will serve as a special occasion to celebrate your achievements and the scholarship presentation. You will receive an invitation and additional details about the luncheon through both your personal and school email addresses.

**Scholarship Disbursement:**

Winners will receive an email with all the important information regarding the disbursement of scholarship funds to the appropriate schools. This email will outline the process for receiving the scholarship award and will provide guidance on how to ensure the funds are appropriately applied to your educational expenses.

**Maintaining fairness in scholarship distribution:**

"If you receive another full-ride scholarship, the Chamber Foundation will pass on your award to the next eligible candidate in line, as they provide scholarships directly to students' college or trade school accounts. This ensures that the funds are directly used for college or trade school costs, benefiting the educational pursuits of the recipients."

***Applications must have all the requested attachments to be considered.***

**Application, essay, and recommendations are due Wednesday, March 20th, by 3:00 p.m.**

to Students' respective College & Career Advisor

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**Scholarship Application**

**Completed Application:** Carefully and neatly complete the attached application.  
Please type or print using Black ink.

Student (Last),(First)	
School you Attend:	
Guardian Name & Relationship #1	
Guardian Name & Relationship #2	
Guardian's Email #1	
Address:	
Student Phone Number:	
Student School Email	
Student Personal Email	
For students applying for scholarships in Business:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Business Course(s) Taken in High School</li> </ul>	
GPA:	
Optional: ACT or SAT:	
University you'll probably be attending:	
Circle one: Have you been Accepted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Waitlisted <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred <input type="checkbox"/> I haven't heard back yet

Intended to Major and Minor if known.	
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<u>Tentative College Costs</u>				
College Name ----				
Tuition (per year)	\$			
Room and Board	\$			
Books and Fees	\$			
Total	\$			

**Are you receiving a full ride to this college or university?    Yes    No    TBD**

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**Scholarship Recommendation Form #1**

(Printed) Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed) Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The above student has been enrolled in my class(s):

I have had contact with this student in the following extra-curricular activities:

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Characteristic	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Intellectual Ability				
Written Work				
Verbal Responses				
Motivation				
Self Discipline				
Independence				
Cooperation				
Reaction to Criticism				
Trustworthy				
Acceptance of Responsibility				
Attendance/Promptness				

Please return the recommendation to the College & Career Center MAILBOX.

Please return by **Friday, March 15th, by 3:00 p.m.**

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**Scholarship Recommendation Form #2**

(Printed) Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Printed) Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The above student has been enrolled in my class(s):

I have had contact with this student in the following extra-curricular activities:

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Intellectual Ability				
Written Work				
Verbal Responses				
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