



2021 Scholarship Application

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that four \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to 2021 graduates from our community.

Applications will be accepted between March 15 and May 14, 2021. **Interested students should mail the application, their one-page essay and their transcript to: Education Committee, Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, 8617 W. Point Douglas Rd. Ste 150 Cottage Grove, MN 55016.**

Criteria

- ❖ Resident of Cottage Grove, Newport or St. Paul Park, or a Park High School graduate.
- ❖ The student must be pursuing post-secondary education at either a two-year or four-year educational or vocational institution in the summer or fall of 2021.
- ❖ Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Members should note that at least one scholarship will be awarded to a Chamber Member's student.
- ❖ At least one scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a two-year or vocational degree.

Selection Process

- ❖ Applications will be reviewed, and a decision will be made no later than May 3, 2021.
- ❖ Students will be selected based on:
 - ❖ the response to the essay question below;
 - ❖ participation and leadership in school and community activities and work experience;
 - ❖ personal circumstances relating to need; and
 - ❖ academic achievement.

Notification

- ❖ Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce will attend, where possible, award events to make a formal presentation.
- ❖ Once notified, students should submit their educational institution name and address for a check to be sent to that institution.

Fill out the following and complete scholarship requests on page 2 of this application.

Name _____ School _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone No. _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

ESSAY QUESTION (Response must be typed and be no more than 500 words in length, attached to this application and student transcript.)

- ❖ **If you had the authority to change one thing about your community in a positive way, what would it be and why?**

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR THE APPLICATION:

- ❖ Please provide a brief description (in resume format) of:
- ❖ your involvement in school activities;
- ❖ any volunteer and work experience;
- ❖ career and educational goals; and
- ❖ your personal need for scholarship funds.
- ❖ Please provide a current transcript.

Mark your calendar: Should you be selected for a scholarship, you will be asked to participate and be introduced to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber at the event that supports these scholarships each year. The Golf Tournament for 2021 is scheduled for Monday, June 28, at River Oaks. You will be asked to volunteer before and during the tournament in support of Chamber staff and then to be introduced at a celebratory dinner after the tournament. Please plan to be at River Oaks Golf Course at 11:00 am and to stay through dinner, which starts at 5 pm.

- ❖ Is your parent a member of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce? ___Yes ___No
- ❖ Name of Chamber Business _____

Fill out the application and send it, along with your essay, resume and current high school transcripts, to:

**COTTAGE GROVE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Education Scholarship
8617 W. Point Douglas Rd. Ste 150
Cottage Grove, MN 55016**

APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021