



Trenton Chamber of Commerce  
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**Wesclin High School**

699 Wesclin Rd,  
Trenton, IL 62293

**Mater Dei High School**

900 North Mater Dei Drive  
Breese, IL 62230

**Central High School**

7740 Old US Highway 50  
Breese, IL 62230

**Highland High School**

12760 Troxler  
Highland, IL 62249

January 26, 2023

Area Guidance Counselors:

Trenton's Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer two \$500 scholarships for students entering college during the 2023– 2024 school year. A brief application form is enclosed.

In the past, we had had many qualified applicants, and the decision has been very difficult. There are many outstanding students in our local schools. Students will be asked to write a 300–500 word essay explaining why they believe volunteerism is important. We look forward to reading their responses.

There are only three basic requirements for the scholarship.

Applicants must:

- 1) have a Trenton mailing address.
- 2) have maintained a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale during their high school career.
- 3) plan on attending either a four-year college or community college to pursue an academic field of study.

Academic achievement is only one component in our selection process. We want to award the scholarship to the student who not only excels academically but who also demonstrates an interest in the world around them through volunteer activities both at school and in their communities.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to reviewing the applications from students at your school. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Loepker at (618)444-3031 or Victoria Zahn at (618)973-9993.

Scholarship Committee  
Trenton Chamber of Commerce



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**TRENTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please attach certification of GPA from authorized high school personnel. Your application will not be considered unless documentation is provided.)

Planned Academic Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extracurricular Activities (school or community): \_\_\_\_\_

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List any school or community leadership positions you have held:

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Please provide a 300 – 500 word essay on the topic: “The Importance of Community Volunteerism”. In the essay, convey if you believe volunteering in your school and community is important and why. Please give examples of your own volunteerism.

**Return no later than March 31, 2023 to:**

Trenton Chamber of Commerce  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
P. O. Box 37 Trenton, IL 6229

**Chamber Officers:** Victoria Zahn, President; Linda Loepker, Vice President/Secretary; Dennis Herzig, Treasurer