

School Year 2025-2026

Area Guidance Counselors:

Trenton's Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer two \$500 scholarships for students entering post-secondary education during the 2025-- 2026 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 are asked to write a 300- to 500-word essay explaining why they believe volunteerism is important in their community. We look forward to reading their responses.

There are only three basic requirements for the scholarship. Applicants must:

- 1) reside at an address with the 62293 zip code.
- 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, community college, trade school or volunteering for military service.

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

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

Lebanon High School

200 W. Schuetz St
Lebanon, IL 62254

Mascoutah High School

1313 W. Main St.
Mascoutah, IL 62258



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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 Post- Secondary Field of Study/ Trade: _____

Extracurricular Activities (school and/or community): _____

List any school or community leadership positions you have held:

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. AI-generated essays will not be considered.

Postmark no later than March 31, 2026, to:

Trenton Chamber of Commerce

Attn: Scholarship Committee

P. O. Box 37, Trenton, IL 62293