



Kiwanis®

DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2025

The Grafton Kiwanis Club Scholarship

***A \$1000 scholarship given to one Senior graduating from
Grafton High School***

**ANY APPLICATION THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED
UNLESS ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED BY THE YORK FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION NO LATER
THAN 11:59 PM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025.**

The Grafton Kiwanis Club has been a longtime supporter of the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. (YFPE). In 2016, the YFPE formed a partnership with the Grafton Kiwanis Club to administer the **Grafton Kiwanis Club Scholarship**. **The 2025 scholarship award will be in the amount of \$1000.** Grafton High school seniors, who are also active members of the Key Club, are eligible to apply for the non-renewable award.

The mission of Kiwanis International is *serving the children of the world*. This award was established to honor the Grafton Kiwanis Club's reputation in the community, and their commitment to *serving the children of York County* and to continue to support the values articulated by Kiwanis International:

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

2025 Grafton Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fund

[Application Instructions & Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Please direct all questions to the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc.

by calling 757-234-8910.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Due to the volume of applications received, [please follow these instructions very carefully](#), particularly the instructions for assembling your packet for submission. Only those applications that [comply with these instructions](#) will be qualified for consideration by the selection committee.

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2. Request/prepare the following application materials well in advance:

- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.** Two (2) letters of recommendation must be included. At least one must be from a teacher or counselor from Grafton High School and one from a community member. Letters must be recent (written within the three months prior to submission of your application). Photocopies are acceptable; however, please make sure the letters are signed, and include contact information for the writer. **Request letters two to four weeks prior to the date you plan to submit your application.**
- **TRANSCRIPTS.** *Photocopies are **NOT** acceptable; transcripts must be "official."* If you are not sure about this requirement, call the Foundation. **Request transcripts from Grafton High School two to four weeks prior to the date you plan to submit your application.** If you have attended more than one high school and your prior grades are not included on Grafton High School's transcript, please request additional official transcript(s) from all high schools attended. * **Unofficial transcripts will be accepted if sent by your guidance counselor.**

IMPORTANT. You must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 2.50 to be eligible for the Grafton Kiwanis club Scholarship.

- **TEST SCORES.** Obtain a copy of your most recent SAT and/or ACT test scores (photocopies are acceptable). If you did not take either the SAT or ACT test, and instead have taken or plan to take a college placement examination, please submit a copy of the exam scores and include a document that explains the scoring system.
- **PERSONAL ESSAY.** Compose a thoughtful “personal essay” (double-spaced, no more than two standard pages, single-sided, 10-12 point font size) that will help Scholarship Selection Committee members learn about your personal history, perspectives, personal and career goals and interests. Please include mention of a community/school/church service project that you are/were involved in and how it emulates the goals of Kiwanis, International. ***This is a very important part of the application because it helps the Scholarship Selection Committee members get a sense of who you are.*** Please adhere to the two-page limit. Essays that are excessive in length may disqualify the application, at the committee’s discretion.
- **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION.** Follow the instructions on the following page to complete the full application. Refer to the tips and FAQ’s on the following two pages, as well as the Student Checklist and the cover page of the application form itself. By carefully reading that information prior to starting the application, you will better be able to answer the questions and ensure that you have gathered all the required materials in the appropriate order.

PLEASE READ THE TIPS AND FAQ'S BELOW
BEFORE BEGINNING THE APPLICATION, THEN:

Go to the web site of the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. at:

<https://ycsd.yorkcountyschools.org/domain/1306>

Click on the “**Scholarships**” tab under the photo banner, then click on “**Grafton Kiwanis Club Scholarship**” in the drop-down list and follow the instructions that appear on the scholarship page to download or print the application. **Note:** *Typed applications are preferred. Be sure to carefully read the instructions for each section on the application.*

TIPS FOR COMPLETING THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. If you are completing a hard copy of the application by hand, please use a **BLACK ink** pen and write clearly. Illegible applications may be disqualified if we cannot photocopy them in legible form for the selection committee.
2. Make sure to include the cover sheet of the application with your name in the upper right corner.
3. Fill in EACH section of the application fully. **Do not leave blanks**. If the section does not apply to you, indicate “n/a” or explain why it does not apply, or why you do not have the information.
4. List the names of **both** parents/guardians on the application. If a parent/guardian is deceased or whereabouts unknown, please indicate that information. Do not leave the line blank.
5. Make sure **BOTH** the **Applicant** AND the **PARENT/GUARDIAN** sign and date the application.

Applications without the signature page, or applications that have not been signed by both student and parent or guardian, will be disqualified.

6. For security purposes, we request that you black out all social security numbers that appear on the FAFSA or any of your SAT/ACT test reports. We will review all documents before copying to ensure no sensitive information is disclosed, but due to the volume of applicants, we would appreciate your doing this.
7. You may submit photocopies of institutional financial aid letters and letters of acceptance. Please do **NOT** send your **original letters** to us since they will not be returned.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In all Q&A below, "YFPE" refers to the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc.

Q: Is it okay to use part of my award to purchase a computer?

A: NO. The funds from your award may only be used to offset your tuition, room, board, student fees, books, and lab fees. Computers and other similar equipment are not covered. Any award you receive will be paid **directly to your school** on your account.

Q: If I, or my parent/guardian have a significant increase in income that presents a substantial change to our family income and expected family contribution, am I required to report that, and how will it affect my award?

A: All eligibility requirements, including income and EFC, will be reaffirmed prior to final award. Any increase in student or family income that presents a substantial change will be taken into consideration. Moderate changes will most likely not have any effect on your eligibility; however, substantial changes may void your eligibility.

Q: How does the selection committee evaluate applications to choose the winners?

A: The selection committee members screen applicants on several criteria, and give strong attention to:

- Demonstration of financial need based on the EFC (expected family contribution)
- Strength of the written personal essay
- A qualifying minimum unweighted GPA of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale
- Involvement in school, church, and/or community service activities
- Presentation of application (completeness, contains all required signatures and documents)

If two applicants, overall, are generally equally qualified in terms of grades, scores, and financial need, the determination of the more qualified candidate will be influenced by his or her participation in school activities and community service, as well as strength of the written essay.

If you have any additional questions that are not answered
in this FAQ document, please contact the
York Foundation for Public Education, Inc.
at 757-234-8910
Or e-mail: yorkfoundation@ycsd.york.va.us

2025 Grafton Kiwanis Club Scholarship Application STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION

*Please make sure you **carefully read ALL** eligibility criteria, instructions, and the “Frequently Asked Questions” document **prior to** completing your application and assembling your packet for submission. Applications that are incomplete or incorrectly submitted will be disqualified.*

Use This Checklist to Compile Your Application Packet. Please submit one original unstapled complete application packet as detailed below. Please do not bind the application materials in any type of report folder. Paper clip the documents below in the order listed and deliver to the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. at the address below in a 9” x 12” flat envelope. This checklist does NOT need to be included with your submission.

- ☐ **Completed Scholarship Application**
- ☐ **Personal Essay**
- ☐ **Official transcript(s)** as described on page 1 under “General Information” of the Application Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions.
- ☐ A copy of the scoring report from most recent **SAT and/or ACT** tests, **OR** copy of **college placement examination scores** with explanation of scoring. *Make sure all social security numbers are crossed out and not legible.*
- ☐ Two recent (written within the last three months) **letters of recommendation** (one must be from a teacher/counselor at Grafton high School and one from a community member) as described on page 1 under “General Information” of the Application Instructions and Frequently Asked Questions.
- ☐ **Letter of acceptance** from the educational institution you plan to attend (if available by the deadline; otherwise, forward as soon as available.) No award will be given without confirmation of acceptance.
- ☐ Institution **financial aid award letter** from your post-secondary institution (if available by the deadline; otherwise, forward as soon as available. If you are selected as the recipient of this award and later receive financial aid that substantially changes your financial picture, your scholarship award may be rescinded and awarded to another applicant.

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Submit the above materials in order, unstapled in a 9” x 12” flat envelope to:

The York Foundation for Public Education, Inc.
P.O. Box 1771
Yorktown, VA 23692

or

York County School Board Office
302 Dare Rd.
Yorktown, VA. 23692

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
COMPLETING & SUBMITTING THE GRAFTON KIWANIS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

- 1. Please save this form to your computer in Microsoft Word (click “File/Save As”).**
- 2. Fill in the information in each section completely; do not leave any section blank.**
- 3. Begin completing your application by entering your name in the shaded areas at the top of the next page. Click the shaded areas with your mouse to move from one field to the next, OR use your TAB key. This form is protected and you may only enter information in the shaded areas. If necessary, attach a separate page with any pertinent additional information.**
- 4. After you have completed the application and saved it, print it out and assemble the other required documents in one packet as described on the CHECKLIST and mail to:**

**York Foundation for Public Education, Inc.
P.O. Box 1771
Yorktown, VA 23692**

Or

**Deliver to:
York County School Board Office
302 Dare Road
Yorktown, VA 23692**



**York Foundation
for Public Education, Inc.**

NAME:

Last

First & Middle Initial

2025 Grafton Kiwanis Club Scholarship Application



APPLICATION DEADLINE

All Required Materials Must be Delivered by 11:59 p.m. on April 17, 2025

No exceptions will be made. Applications must be complete by this date to qualify.

If you are the recipient of this Grafton Kiwanis Club Scholarship, you may be identified in appropriate publications (by photo and/or name and other related information) by the York Foundation for Public Education Inc. (YFPE), and the Grafton Kiwanis Club. By submitting this application, you agree to the use of your name and photograph in publications and communications by both the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. and the Grafton Kiwanis Club.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY – PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THE AREA BELOW

Date Application Received: _____ / _____ / 2025	Date Application Postmarked _____ / _____ / 2025
Application Qualified? YES _____ NO _____	
Administrative Notes:	

2025 GRAFTON KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND ~ APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME:

First/MI/Last

ADDRESS:

Street/Mailing Address

City

STATE & Zip

HOME PHONE:

DOB:

GENDER

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COUNTRY OF
BIRTH:

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN?

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Yes

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No

E-MAIL
ADDRESS:

SECTION 2: FAMILY INFORMATION

Mother's Name:

FIRST & MI

LAST

Father's Name:

FIRST & MI

LAST

SECTION 3: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Grade completed (as of June 2024): — Current or most recent school attended:

Cumulative Overall Grade Point Average, unweighted (GPA):

* (minimum 2.50 unweighted GPA on a 4.00 scale)*

What is the college/university/vocational/technical school you plan to attend in fall 2025?

School:

☐

Not applicable

Have you been accepted? ☐ Yes ☐ Not yet ☐ Not applicable

Anticipated major/course/trade of study:

How many credit hours do you plan to take per semester?

Anticipated time period to complete anticipated course of study:

Years

Months

Estimated ANNUAL costs: Tuition \$; Room and Board \$; Total Estimated Annual Cost \$

Degree or certification expected (B.S., B.A. etc.):

Name: LAST FIRST

SECTION 4: FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Financial Aid Sources

Please list available financial aid sources. If unknown at this time or not applicable, indicate that for each line item.

Source	Description, \$ amount, and frequency	Total Amount
Grants		\$
Scholarships		\$
Loans		\$
Trust Funds Available		\$
Tuition Reimbursement		\$
Student's Contribution		\$
Other Source(s) of Aid		\$

SECTION 5: HOBBIES/ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Note: do not list the same item in more than one area. Add a separate sheet at the end if you need more room.

COMMUNITY/CHURCH volunteer activities you have participated in (within the past five years). **DO NOT INCLUDE** school- or athletic-related volunteer activities in this section. Estimate total number of volunteer hours for each activity or organization for the dates of involvement.

Activity/Organization	Dates of Involvement	Level of Involvement/Hours Volunteered

SCHOOL-RELATED activities, athletics, clubs, organizations, and school-related community service hours (include any positions as officer of an organization):

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION/HONORS; include school / community special awards received, not already listed above:

Personal hobbies, activities and/or interests outside school:

Name:

LAST

FIRST

Special talent or skill you would like to develop:

SECTION 6: EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

List most recent employers, starting with your current employer.

Employer Name: Immediate Supervisor:

Phone Number with Area Code: Length of employment: Year(s) Month(s)

Status: ☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Temporary

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SECTION 7: ESSAY AND LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Attach as an addendum to the application following the instructions under "General Information":

- **Personal Essay:** Compose a thoughtful Personal Essay of no more than two standard pages that will help the Scholarship Selection Committee members learn about your personal history, perspectives, personal goals, interests, education plans and career goals. Please use 10-12 point font size and double-space this essay. Please include mention of a community/school/church service project that you are/were involved in and how it emulates the goals of Kiwanis, International.
- **Letters of Reference:** Please submit two (2) separate letters of reference (dated within 3 months of the date of application). One reference must be from a Grafton High School teacher or counselor and one must be from a community member.

APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that all of the information included in this application is true and accurate. In addition, by submitting this completed and signed application, we hereby grant permission to York Foundation for Public Education Foundation, Inc. and the Grafton Kiwanis Club to use applicant's name and image in publicity related to this scholarship program if applicant is selected as a recipient.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Phone #

DATE

APPLICANT'S PARENT/ SIGNATURE

Phone#

DATE