

2026 Better Days Scholarship Fund Application

Criteria: The Better Days Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors, living in and attending a high school in Jo Daviess County, IL and who intend to pursue a degree in counseling and/or social work.

Description: One (1) \$1,000.00 award will be granted upon submission of documentation showing successful registration for the fall 2026 semester.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School: _____

Intended College/University: _____

1. Please tell us about yourself, including educational interests, high school activities and interests, personal interests and hobbies.
2. What interests you in the field of counseling/social work?
3. How do you think this scholarship will affect your education?
4. If you could fast forward to 10 years from now, where do you see yourself? What kind of work do you hope to do?
5. Please describe your vision for mental health services in Jo Daviess County. How can more people access the help they need? How can providers do a better job at reaching those in need?

**Return completed application to: Stephanie Cocagne, PO Box 271, Galena, IL 61036 OR
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