



## 2026 Wally's Service Project Scholarship Guidelines

A collaboration between the friends and family of Wally Niezguski and the Clarkston Family Farm. Eligible applicants: high school juniors and seniors in the Avondale, Brandon, Clarkston, Goodrich, Lake Orion, Oxford, and Waterford School Districts planning to attend college or vocational school. Homeschool high school juniors and seniors in these school districts are also eligible to apply.

**Scholarship Awards: \$1500 first choice, \$1000 second choice.**

**Project Description:** Design a service project or event that could be implemented in your local community. The project or event should benefit the entire community, a demographic group (e.g., at-risk youth, senior citizens, the food insecure), or the community's environment. Active projects or events are eligible for submission.

**Project Submission:** Describe your service project/event in 450 - 550 words. This description should be double-spaced, use 12-point Times New Roman font, have 1 – 1.5-inch page margins (top, bottom, side), and be original work submitted in .docx or .pdf format. Please explain why you think the proposed project/event is needed, how your community would benefit from its implementation, and how the project could be funded.

Participants should submit their project description, along with their name, age, current high school, name of the college or vocational school they plan to attend, e-mail address, and telephone number to [wallyscholessay@gmail.com](mailto:wallyscholessay@gmail.com) by the **entry deadline of April 10, 2026.**

**Project Judging:** entries will be evaluated based on the clarity of the project description, feasibility and execution plan, originality and specificity, and the potential impact of the project. Submissions identified by standard academic tools as likely containing plagiarized or artificial intelligence-generated text will be disqualified.

The scholarship awardees will be notified May 8 - 14, 2026. The awardees must validate their scholarship eligibility and agree to have their names published in local media.