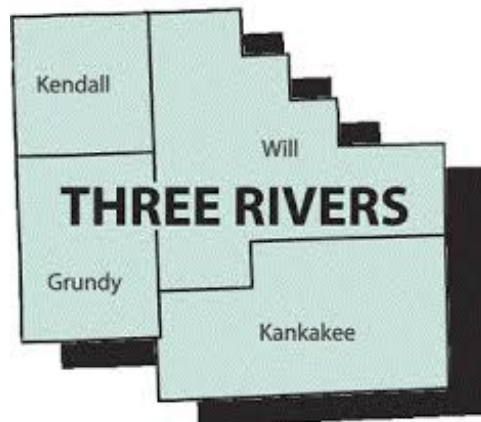


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Illinois Association of School
Administrators
Three Rivers Region
2025–2026 Student Scholarship
Program

Presented by the Superintendents of the IASA Three Rivers Region



I. Purpose

The IASA Three Rivers Region Student Scholarship is established to recognize outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate leadership, academic excellence, and service to their school and community. The scholarship supports students pursuing postsecondary education in any field, with special consideration for those entering education or public service careers.

II. Eligibility Criteria

- Be a graduating senior from a high school within a district led by a current IASA Three Rivers Region member.
- Have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate leadership, community service, and school involvement.
- Submit all required application materials by the established deadline.

III. Scholarship Award

Up to three (3) scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded annually (subject to regional budget approval). Awards will be presented during the May Three Rivers Region meeting. Funds will be distributed directly to the student's postsecondary institution upon proof of enrollment.

IV. Application Process

Each applicant must submit the following materials:

- Completed Scholarship Application Form (provided to all member districts).
- One-page essay describing how educational leadership or public service has influenced their goals.
- Two letters of recommendation (one from a teacher/counselor, one from a community member/supervisor).
- High school transcript (official or counselor-verified).

Applications must be submitted electronically to the Regional Scholarship Committee Chair by March 1 each year. Each district superintendent may submit one student nomination per district.

V. Review and Selection Procedure

The IASA Three Rivers Scholarship Committee will include the Regional President (Chair), two Past Presidents or active superintendents, one retired superintendent (optional), and one educational partner representative (non-voting).

Disclosure: Committee members must disclose conflicts to the Committee Chair prior to accessing application materials.

Scoring Rubric (100 Points Total):

Category	Criteria	Points
Academic Record	GPA, Rigor of Coursework	25
Leadership	Roles, Impact, Initiative	25
Service	Volunteerism, School/Community Contribution	20
Essay	Clarity, Originality, Alignment with Mission	20
Recommendations	Strength and Credibility of Endorsement	10

VI. Implementation Timeline

Timeline	Task	Responsible Party
January	Announce Scholarship Program to all member districts	Regional Secretary
February 15	Reminder sent to superintendents and principals	Regional President
March 1	Application Deadline	District Superintendent
March 15	Committee reviews and scores applications	Scholarship Committee
April 1	Recipients selected and notified	Committee Chair
May Meeting	Awards presented at Regional Luncheon	Regional Officers
June–August	Scholarship checks processed and mailed	Regional Treasurer

VII. Administration Notes

The Scholarship Program is renewed annually through the regional budget vote. Communication templates and application materials will be shared with districts. The Regional Treasurer will oversee fund disbursement and maintain financial records for audit purposes.

VIII. Communication Templates

Sample Announcement to Districts (January):

The IASA Three Rivers Region is pleased to announce its annual Student Scholarship Program, designed to honor outstanding seniors across our region. Each district may nominate one student who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership, and service. Applications are due March 1. See the attached materials for eligibility and submission details.

Sample Award Notification (April):

Congratulations! You have been selected as a 2025–2026 recipient of the IASA Three Rivers Student Scholarship. Your leadership, character, and commitment to education reflect the core values of our region’s superintendents. We look forward to recognizing you at our May luncheon.

Press Release Template:

The Illinois Association of School Administrators – Three Rivers Region proudly announces the recipients of its 2025–2026 Student Scholarship Awards. These scholarships recognize seniors who have demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and service. Awardees were honored at the May Regional Luncheon. Congratulations to these future leaders!

Appendix A: Student Application Form

Student Name: _____

High School: _____

District: _____

GPA: _____

Essay Prompt: Describe how educational leadership or public service has influenced your goals (attach separate page).

Appendix B: Superintendent Nomination Form

Superintendent Name: _____

District: _____

Nominee Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix C: Recommendation Form

Recommender Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Please describe why you believe this student exemplifies leadership, character, and service:

Signature

Approved by:

Shannon Anderson, President – Momence CUSD #1

Dr. Adam Ehrman, Treasurer – IASA Three Rivers Region