

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONROE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

The League of Women Voters of Monroe County will award a scholarship in the amount of \$500 in June of 2026.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant's home residence must be in Monroe County, PA.
- Open to graduating seniors or students enrolled in post-secondary education (college, university or vocational training)
- Applicant must be a registered voter or a preregistered voter in the case of 17-year-olds. You can register to vote at <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>. If you will be 18 years old before the Nov 3, 2026 election but not before the May 19, 2026 election, you will be able to register after May 19, 2026. If you will be 18 yrs old before May 19, 2026 you may register now.
- The scholarship will be awarded based on applicant responses to these four essay questions:
 - **Question 1:** What do you see as important community needs in Monroe County?
 - **Question 2:** How does the democratic process address these needs?
 - **Question 3:** Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to Democracy and Civic Engagement through community involvement. Community can be your school, town, neighborhood, religious group, team, etc. Note: Please provide one reference, either a school or organization advisor who knows you well and can attest to your involvement.
 - **Question 4:** How will this scholarship support your continuing educational journey and goals?

APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

- Applications must be received by May 15, 2026
- Application form can be found on pages 2-4 of this packet and on the League of Women Voters of Monroe County website.
- Instructions: Download the application form, fill it out, and return by email with your four essay question responses. You can print the form out, sign it, and scan it back in - or you can sign electronically by typing your full name in the signature field.
- Advisor reference should be submitted directly to the League of Women Voters of Monroe County by advisor.

ADVISOR REFERENCE

NOTE: Please submit advisor reference directly to the League of Women Voters of Monroe County by emailing form to monroeleaguesecretary@gmail.com

- How long have you known the applicant?

- In what capacity have you interacted with the applicant?

- Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Unable to Assess
Participation					
Commitment					
Informed, Knowledgeable					
Respectful of the rights of others					
Other qualities?					

Comments:

This scholarship is open to any high school graduating senior or currently-enrolled post-secondary student (College, University or Vocational training) who is a resident of Monroe County, PA. The applicant must be a registered voter or preregistered voter in the case of a 17-yr-old. One \$500.00 award is available.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE COMPLETED FORM, ALL ESSAY RESPONSES AND REFERENCE MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15, 2026

1. Full name (first, middle, last): _____

Email: _____

2. Birthdate (Month, Day, Year): _____

3. Where are you currently enrolled? _____

If enrolled in a college or university, what is your predicted year of graduation? _____

4. Home mailing address

Street Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

5. Preferred telephone number _____

6. Registered to Vote ____ Yes ____ No ____ Will preregister after the 5/19/26 election

7. Parent's or guardian's name (if applicant is under 18-yrs-old)

First _____ Last _____

Email address _____

8. High School Counselor or College Advisor name and email

Name _____

Email _____

ESSAY PORTION Please respond to EACH of the questions below. Your responses will be used to evaluate your application. You may save your essays in one separate document by numbering each response and attaching it to your emailed application. Responses for each question should be between 250 and 500 words in length.

- **Question 1:** What do you see as important community needs in Monroe County?
- **Question 2:** How does the democratic process address these needs?
- **Question 3:** Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to Democracy and civic engagement through community involvement. “Community” can be your school, town, neighborhood, religious group, team, etc. **Note:** Please provide one reference, either a school or organization advisor who knows you well and can attest to your involvement. **The reference form can be found on page 2.**
- **Question 4:** How will this scholarship support your continuing educational journey and goals?

APPLICANT CONSENT Please read each statement carefully and sign and date the signature box. I affirm that all information provided in this application is true and complete. I understand that this application will be used by LWVMC to consider me for a scholarship, and I grant permission for the LWVMC to contact me. Should I be selected for a scholarship, I grant permission for LWVMC to use my photograph and quotations in their materials and announcements.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

EMAIL APPLICATION TO: monroeleaguesecretary@gmail.com

The winning application in the 2026 LWVMC Scholarship Contest will be selected by a League-appointed review committee. **The finalists will be interviewed by the committee to determine final selection.**