

**Effinger Ruritan Club Nelson W. Hall Memorial Scholarship
South Buffalo & Collierstown Communities**

Spring, 2026

Dear High School Senior,

As you prepare for graduation and the next chapter of your life, you may already know that your path doesn't have to follow the traditional four-year college route to be meaningful, successful, or impactful. Our community depends on skilled, dedicated individuals who choose careers in the trades—people who build, repair, create, and keep our world running.

The Effinger Ruritan Club has placed a renewed emphasis on supporting students who plan to pursue **trades, vocational fields, or other nontraditional postsecondary training paths**. This emphasis reflects both the needs of our community and the legacy of **Nelson W. Hall—who loved and selflessly served his community**. Although traditional academic applicants will be accepted, **priority will be given to those preparing for skilled, hands-on careers**. **\$5,000 in scholarship funding is available to a deserving student.**

Eligibility

- Graduating high school in the Class of 2026
- **Residing in the South Buffalo or Collierstown area** (our scholarship is restricted to students living in these communities only)
- Planning to enroll in a trade school, technical program, apprenticeship, certification program, or other nontraditional postsecondary training path
- Demonstrating commitment, curiosity, and a strong work ethic

How to Apply:

Applications are available from Ms. van Ravenswaay at the RCHS Counseling Office.

Honoring Nelson W. Hall

Mr. Hall's life reflected his **faith, service, citizenship, work ethic, and dedication to others**. By supporting students pursuing skilled trades and nontraditional training paths, the Effinger Ruritan Club continues his legacy and invests in the future of the community he cared for so deeply.

With encouragement and best wishes,



Roger Lees Scholarship
Committee Chair
Effinger Ruritan Club

The Nelson Hall Memorial Effinger Ruritan Scholarship

Section I

1. Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle
2. Home Address _____
Street City State
3. Telephone Number _____
4. Email Address _____

Section II

1. Name and Address of Mother/Guardian:

2. Telephone Number of Mother/Guardian _____
3. Email Address _____
4. Mother/Guardian's Employer _____
5. Mother/Guardian's Approximate Income:
Circle One: \$0 -\$30,000 \$30,001-\$50,000 \$50,001+

Section III

1. Name and Address of Father/Guardian:

2. Telephone Number of Father/Guardian _____
3. Email Address _____
4. Father/Guardian's Employer _____

Section V.

I understand and agree to the terms of this scholarship program as stated on this application: I certify that *I am a resident of the Effinger, Collierstown, or South Buffalo areas of Rockbridge County*, and that the information I have provided is true and correct.

I understand that, if I should receive the Nelson Hall Memorial Ruritan Scholarship, I may re-apply for a second year of financial aid, provided I maintain academic and personal standards acceptable to the Club and its scholarship committee.

I further agree that, should I receive this scholarship, then *receive a full financial aid package from my educational institution of choice, I will refund any and all Nelson Hall Memorial Ruritan Scholarship monies* to the Club for use in support of a deserving applicant.

Date: _____
 Month Day Year

Signature of Student _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Please return your application to Ms. van Ravenswaay in the school counseling office no later than April 1, 2026