

Common Local Scholarship Application

Please read through the information provided very carefully. If you meet the qualifications listed for any of these scholarships, complete the six page application at the end of this packet.

Place "X's" in the boxes on Page 1 for those scholarships in which you qualify.

- PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION NEATLY AND ACCURATELY!
- DEADLINE IS: **MAY 1, 2026 NO LATE SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED**
- GIVE TEACHERS/COMMUNITY MEMBERS PLENTY OF TIME TO WRITE THE RECOMMENDATIONS YOU REQUEST.
- ALL RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE, ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION TO QUALIFY.
- INTERVIEWS ARE SCHEDULED FOR **MAY 13, 2026**
(For those that require an interview, mark your calendar so you are able to attend if selected.)

This packet includes information on the following local scholarships only:

Bennett J. Palmer Sr. Memorial Scholarship
American Legion ~ Frank H. Brink– Post #607 Scholarship
Holland Alumni Association Scholarship
Holland PTO Scholarship
Nora Kanner Scholarship (HTA)
James D. Tanner Memorial Scholarship (HTA)
Vincenetta Ventresca O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship (HTA)
Holland Teachers' Association~Teamsters
Ken Tanner Memorial Scholarship (Holland Rod & Gun Club)
Kiwanis Club of Holland Scholarship
Reinhardt Family Scholarship
Sheridan K. Geer Memorial Scholarship

***Indicates Interview is Required**

***PLEASE NOTE:** This application is only used for the scholarships named above. Other local organizations use their own scholarship applications which are also available in the Guidance Office.*

INCOMPLETE OR LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

BENNETT J. PALMER SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In 1946, Ben established Palmer Farms, a dairy and trucking business. Previously, he served as a Tech Sergeant in the US Army-36th Division from 1943-1945. In 2002, he wrote a book about his military experience titled, The Hunter and The Hunted. Since he dropped out of school to enlist, he never finished his high school education until 2003 when he became a graduate of Holland High School. Ben passed away in April 2005. This scholarship for \$500 is given in his memory along with his love of the land and his great interest in history. A history in which he and thousands of other young men played a key role.

- ◆ Applicant must be a graduating senior from Holland High School
- ◆ Must successfully complete the first semester at a Institute of Higher Learning
- ◆ Financial need is NOT a consideration for selection.
- ◆ Agricultural background preferred but not necessary.
- ◆ Application must be accompanied by at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, instructor or employer.

HOLLAND AMERICAN LEGION FRANK H. BRINK POST #607 SCHOLARSHIP

The American Legion was formed upon a suggestion by Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt that there be an organization of World War I Veterans to represent these men and women in whatever matters might concern them. The first organizational meeting was held in Paris, France in March 1919 with about one thousand Officers and Enlisted men attending. This meeting, known as the Paris caucus, adopted a temporary constitution and the name American Legion.

A second organizing caucus was held in St. Louis, Missouri in May 1919 at which time a completed constitution was endorsed and submitted to Congress for approval. Congressional approval was received and a National Charter was granted in September 1919.

The Frank H. Brink Post #607 received its Charter on the First Day of August 1920 after application by fifteen local World War I Veterans. The Post name of Frank H. Brink was chosen to honor this soldier from Holland who gave his life while serving as a Dispatch Rider in France during the so called "Great War."

The Frank H. Brink Post #607 Holland American Legion will award a \$1000 scholarship to two Holland Central School Seniors who will graduate in good academic standing and who plans to further his or her education at a technical or trade school, a two year technical college or any two year or four year college.

Other information that should be included with the application: A letter of recommendation from a teacher or Vo-tech. instructor who is most closely involved with the applicant in the area of studies that he/she is pursuing.

The winner of this scholarship will receive payment when the Frank H. Brink Post #607 Scholarship committee receives proof that this person has successfully completed the first semester and is enrolled in the second semester at the school of his/her choice. Accepted proof may be a letter from the school stating that he or she is officially enrolled at the institution, a copy of a receipt for second semester tuition and a copy of his/her grades from the first semester.

If the winner is attending a trade or technical school, the payment will be made after being notified that he or she has successfully completed six months of schooling. Proof will be accepted as above.

HOLLAND ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

This is a special award because you become one of "US" when you graduate from this school. The Alumni Association has been giving scholarships to graduates since 1953. The amount of the scholarship fluctuates with the amount available in our scholarship fund. The amount available depends solely on donations from our graduates. At this time, we are offering two \$1000.00 general scholarships and one \$1000 scholarship "In Memory of Kenneth Tanner" for an art student.

The qualifications are:

- 1.) The student must be a senior in the Holland Central school.
- 2.) The winner of the award must be accepted at a state accredited institute of higher learning, for a minimum of a 2 year term. This scholarship is not limited to a two-year degree.
- 3.) The scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who has shown achievement in a number of ways. Academics, attendance, participation, and service are all important in being considered, as is need of assistance.
- 4.) Members of the selection committee disqualify themselves during interviews for applicants in their immediate family.
- 5.) Members of the selection committee are all graduates of Holland Central.
- 6.) The check will be presented after the treasurer has received verification that the 1st semester has been completed and the start of the 2nd semester of the first year of college has begun. Verification can include address, second semester schedule, dated book purchase receipts, grades from 1st semester, etc.
- 7.) An alternate for the scholarship will be announced also. The alternate would receive the award if the recipient does not comply with the alumni requests.

HOLLAND PTO SCHOLARSHIP

Holland, N.Y. 14080

PTO is a school service organization that works to help the staff and students enrich their experiences here at Holland Central School by sponsoring events, supporting school activities and offering financial support.

The Holland PTO Scholarships are available to two Holland Central School Senior students for \$500.00 each.

The scholarship reflects the student's school and community volunteer involvement. Candidates should exemplify someone who is involved in their community now and has plans to continue in the future. They should show good leadership qualities, be dependable and respectable, work hard academically and be involved in school activities (clubs, class, sports) as well as community organizations and events.

We require each student to fill out the standard application and to attend our interview night. The students will be rated on their application, letter of recommendations, and the interview by a panel of PTO representatives.

The winners of the scholarships must be accepted at a 2- or 4-year accredited institute of higher learning and/or a state accredited trade school.

Our scholarship checks are presented at the awards night prior to Graduation.

We thank you for your careful consideration and look forward to meeting all of you.

Holland PTO Scholarship Chairperson

HTA/TEAMSTERS SCHOLARSHIPS:

The Holland Teachers' Association provides the Nora Kanner Scholarship and the James Tanner Scholarship. In addition, the Holland Teachers' Association joined with the Teamsters offers 1 additional scholarship for a total of 3 scholarships to graduating seniors. All are dedicated to providing scholarship money to deserving students to pursue higher education. The recipients are named at Commencement (Graduation) Ceremonies. The scholarship monies are not awarded to the recipients until they have successfully completed two college semesters. The Recipients will be required to send a letter requesting the scholarship award along with their college transcript after successful completion of their 2nd semester of college. The HTA should receive this request by June 15th of the corresponding year. The scholarship checks are mailed after the completion of two semesters. Students must maintain a college GPA of 3.25 or higher.

THE NORA KANNER SCHOLARSHIP

Nora Kanner was a sixth-grade teacher. She was known for her concern for all students, regardless of ability, and for her genuine love for her students. A strong disciplinarian, she emphasized patriotism, a love for literature, and the importance of being able to read and write well. The Middle School Auditorium is also named in her memory. In 1962, Mrs. Nora Kanner retired after an outstanding career of more than 40 years as a teacher in Holland. The Teachers' Association voted at that time to honor her by giving a scholarship in her name.

Guidelines for Selection:

- Potential for successful completion of the requirements for a Bachelor's (Associates) degree and success in their career goals.
- Special consideration is sometimes given to students planning a career in education.
- Application, essay, letters of recommendation and interview required.
- Must be a senior accepted to a college with intentions to begin in the Fall.
- Financial need is a consideration.

JAMES D. TANNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. James D. Tanner began his career at Holland Central as a social studies teacher in 1947 following active service in the military. In 1986, while still on staff at HCS, Mr. Tanner died, leaving behind a legacy of 38 years of service and dedication to his students and his profession. He exemplified a love of children, a quest for learning and a devotion to teaching. As a teacher, Mr. Tanner challenged his students to strive for excellence in their character as well as scholastic endeavors. This award is given in memory of a teacher who stood for the highest standards of personal and academic excellence and who was dedicated to service at Holland Central.

Guidelines for Selection:

- Potential for successful completion of the requirements for a Bachelor's (Associates) degree and success in their career goals.
- Financial need is **NOT** a consideration for selection.
- Four-year cumulative average of **90%** or better.
- Application, essay, letters of recommendation and interview required.
- Must be a senior accepted to a college with intentions to begin in the Fall.

HTA/TEAMSTERS SCHOLARSHIPS: Continued

HTA/TEAMSTERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Holland Teachers' Association have joined together with the Teamsters (Support Staff) to present a scholarship to a graduating senior.

Guidelines for Selection:

- Potential for successful completion of the requirements for a Bachelor's (Associates) degree and success in their career goals.
- Financial need
- Application, essay, letters of recommendation and interview required.
- Must be a senior accepted to a college with intentions to begin in the Fall.

** Members of the interview committee for all three scholarships include one representative from each building (elementary, middle and high), one high school counselor, Senior Class Advisor, HTA President and a Teamsters Member.*

THE VINCENETTA VENTRESCA O'DONNELL SCHOLARSHIP

Vincenetta O'Donnell retired in 2003 after 32 years of teaching middle school English at Holland Central School.

She was known to have given her students a dose of culture and arranged for them to see performances at Buffalo theaters so they could be exposed to the thrill of live theatre. She was passionate about literature and teaching her students how to express themselves well in writing. She cared deeply for each student she taught and was particularly sensitive to students who struggled in school.

This award is given in memory of a teacher who loved literature, writing, and theatre. She was dedicated to Holland Central School, her students and the community.

Guidelines for selection:

1. Potential for successful completion of the requirements for a Bachelor's (or Associate degree) and success in their career goals.
2. Special consideration is sometimes given to students planning a career in education.
3. Application, essay, letters of recommendation and interview required.
4. Must be a senior accepted to a college with intentions to begin in the fall
5. Financial need is a consideration.

The Ken Tanner Memorial Scholarship

The Ken Tanner Memorial Scholarship is presented each year from the Holland Rod and Gun Club to a senior from HCS. The \$1,000 award will be made to a deserving student who has a solid academic record, has shown good character and has a strong interest in protecting wildlife and habitat.

The Holland Rod and Gun Club is interested in promoting safe hunting and shooting sport as well as fishing and other outdoor activities. In addition to completing the HSC scholarship application form, applicants will be required to include a one-page essay that highlights their interest in these activities.

KIWANIS CLUB OF HOLLAND

Kiwanis International is an organization of men and women who through their personal involvement and leadership are dedicated to the improvement of their community, nation and the world. Founded in 1915, Kiwanis has grown into a worldwide service organization with over 9000 clubs in 82 countries and nearly 400,000 members.

Activities vary widely from club to club but all share in the common goal of making their respective communities better places to live and work. Special emphasis on supporting activities for youth has always been a cornerstone of Kiwanis service. "Young Children: Priority One" is the current major emphasis program and includes such projects as supporting pediatric trauma units at hospitals all over the world. Kiwanis, along with the United Nations, has undertaken a five year program to wipe out mental retardation caused by iodine deficiency.

On the local level, the emphasis on youth activities includes the support of the Boys & Girls Club, various Scout troops (both boys & girls), school groups and occasionally meeting the special needs of individuals who need special medical equipment. Projects such as assisting in the development of the Town Park and the Creative Playground at the Elementary school are other examples of how the local Kiwanis Club serves the needs of Holland. The Annual Tulip Festival is perhaps the best known activity of the Kiwanis Club of Holland. Virtually everyone in Western New York is aware of Holland because of the Tulip Festival and local residents share a special pride in this annual event. Students in the Holland High School can now also participate in Kiwanis through membership in the Kiwanis Key Club. This organization not only participates in service projects in the school, but more importantly it provides an opportunity for the youth of our community to learn first hand the rewards of volunteerism and community service.

The six **OBJECTS OF KIWANIS** as listed below are the guiding principles by which all Kiwanians fulfill their obligations in their daily lives:

- * To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life
- * To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- * To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- * To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- * To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- * To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

As a community service, the Kiwanis Club of Holland takes great pride in providing up to 3 college scholarships to worthy students, each year. We are looking forward to receiving your application for review.



THE REINHARDT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Reinhardt History:

Mrs. Reinhardt was born in Holland on Hunters Creek Road, and attended Holland Central school through 8th grade. Her family moved to Chaffee and she graduated from Arcade in 1951. Her parents were Elsie and Chester Limburg and they were active in the creation of Holland Centralized School District. Her elder siblings started school in the one room schoolhouse but all ended up graduating out of the central school system.

Mr. Reinhardt was born and raised on Matteson Corners Road in Sardinia, one of 15 children. Sardinia's High School closed during WWII due to lack of teachers, so he graduated from Holland High School in 1946. He was the first of his family to attend college, putting himself through school and graduating with his Bachelors in Education from Buffalo State University. After graduation he taught one semester at Holland Central School before joining the service during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning from the service he went to work in the automotive carrier business, first in Buffalo, with a brief stint in Newark Delaware then returning to Orchard Park. After 12 years there, he took on a leadership role in a rapidly expanding automotive carrier division within Ryder Systems and was transferred to the Detroit area. He retired as President and CEO of the Automotive Carrier Division of Ryder in 1991. He would have worked many more years, but at age 55 he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and the requirements of the job just became too much. The Mr. & Mrs. Reinhardt retired to Paradise Valley, Arizona in the winters and enjoyed Michigan summers. He passed away just after his 80th birthday in August, 2008.

The scholarship was started in 1997, as a natural extension of Mr. Reinhardt's commitment to education and a desire to help others achieve their dreams. Several of his siblings also contributed and or bequeathed money to the scholarship trust.

The Reinhardt Family will be awarding one \$10,000 College scholarship to a deserving senior with demonstrated financial need from Holland Central School. In addition, a \$2,000 two-year scholarship will be awarded for vocational or Community College attendance.

The scholarships are as follows:

1. The Reinhardt Family Four Year College Scholarship: A \$10,000 college scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior with demonstrated financial need and planning to attend an accredited four year college or university, regardless of race, sex, religion, color, national origin, or ancestry. (\$2500/yr., must maintain good grades)
2. The Reinhardt Family Two Year Vocational/Community College Scholarship: A \$2,000 vocational scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who shows demonstrated financial need, is industrious, shows tremendous initiative, and is planning to attend a vocational school or community college. (\$1000/yr., must maintain good grades)

Scholarship Qualifications:

- * The Winner of the four year scholarships must be enrolled in an accredited four year college or university and will receive \$2,500 each year over a four year period.
- * The winner of the vocational scholarship must be enrolled in an approved one or two year vocational/technical school resulting in a certificate or degree, or in an appropriately accredited two year or community college and will receive a \$1000 grant each year over a two year period.
- * Continued eligibility for both scholarships is based on maintaining satisfactory grades and conduct during the post-high school education period.

Scholarship Selection:

- * All applications will be reviewed by a screening committee. From that screening, semi-finalists will be chosen.
- * All semi-finalists will appear before a selection committee for an interview. The selection committee like the screening committee will include educators, community leaders, and Reinhardt family representatives.
- * Applicants are judged on scholastic record, academic achievement, financial need, seriousness of purpose, participation in extra-curricular activities, character, and leadership abilities.

THE SHERIDAN K. GEER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sheridan K. Geer was known as “Mr. Holland”. Sheridan loved our town and did all he could to make it a better place to live. He was an entrepreneur who made his living in a number of businesses including trucking and real estate. Sheridan served as either Justice of the Peace or Town Supervisor for a good portion of his adult life. He loved kids, particularly the underdogs, as much as he loved our town.

This town needs more leaders like Sheridan to step forward into the 21st Century and provide leadership for current and future generations. Holland needs more caring entrepreneurs like Sheridan to help our town prosper in ways that no one can even imagine. Our home town needs new businesses to provide jobs for not only our residents, but also others who would like to live and work here.

This \$2000 scholarship will be awarded to the student who can demonstrate a shared passion for this town and its people, while developing an entrepreneurial concept that would be feasible to implement as a business in Holland. The winner will also receive business consulting from successful entrepreneurs to help in turning his/her dream into a bona fide business.

The qualifications are as follows:

1. The student must be a graduating senior at Holland High School.
2. The winner of the scholarship must be accepted at a state accredited institute of higher learning for a minimum of two years.
3. The student must write a business plan for a business that can be developed and operated within the town of Holland.
4. The winner will receive the \$2000 scholarship after verification of having successfully completed the first semester of higher education.
5. An alternate for the scholarship will also be selected in the event the winner does not fulfill the requirement of completing the first semester of higher education.

Applicant Name: _____

Please list your **past** and **current job experiences** (ex: Tops, baby-sitting, etc.):

<u>JOB TITLE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HRS/WEEK</u>	<u>DATES EMPLOYED</u>	<u>REASON FOR LEAVING</u>
Ex: Cashier	TOPS	15 hrs/wk	6/2017-9/2018	found job closer to home

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Approximately how much of your income have you saved for college expenses? \$_____

Please attach a type-written (word processor) essay of 200-250 words, addressing the following:

What two or three personal qualities do you feel you possess that have enabled you to be successful in your high school career? How have they helped you? What do you foresee as the biggest challenges to your college and career goals? In what ways do you think these same qualities will help you to face those challenges?

Separate Essay for “Ken Tanner” (Holland Rod & Gun Club Scholarship) ONLY:

Please submit a short essay (max. 250 words) with your application on your interest in Conservation & Wildlife.

Separate Requirement for “Sheridan K. Geer Memorial Scholarship” ONLY:

Please attach a type-written (word processor) Business Plan for a business that could be developed and operated in Holland. Please research on the internet how to write a Business Plan and make yours as professional as possible.

Signature of applicant: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

His Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Her Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____

Number of siblings: _____ Ages: _____

How many siblings will be attending college next year? _____

Household Salary of household where the student resides majority of time (Circle one)

:	\$30,000 or below	\$30,000-40,000	\$40,000-50,000
	\$50,000-60,000	\$60,000-70,000	\$70,000-80,000
	\$80,000-90,000	\$90,000-100,000	\$100,000-110,000
	\$110,000-120,000	\$120,000-130,000	\$130,000-140,000
	\$140,000-150,000	\$150,000-160,000	\$160,000 or above

Do you plan to work part-time while going to school next year? Yes No

Do you plan to work this summer? Yes No How many hours/week? _____

Where will you live? Dorm Off-campus housing at home with relatives
(circle one)

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CHART TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS THAT CONSIDER FINANCIAL NEED.

Estimated Yearly Expenses:		Plan to Meet Yearly Expenses:	
Tuition & Fees:	\$ _____	Student Contribution:	\$ _____
Room & Board:	\$ _____	Parent Contribution:	\$ _____
Books:	\$ _____	State & Federal Grants:	\$ _____
Transportation:	\$ _____	Institutional Scholarships:	\$ _____
Miscellaneous:	\$ _____	Loans:	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____	Other Scholarships:	\$ _____
		Total:	\$ _____

