West Seneca
East Senior High School

Proud Past ... Promising Future

Scholarship Booklet

This booklet contains scholarship information for scholarships specifically offered to West Seneca East Senior High students, as well as, local scholarship information.

Please note that most East Senior specific scholarships are due by 2:00 p.m. on March 18, 2027

Scholarship Application Tips

1. **Make the effort**
   The truth is many scholarships require essays. These essays are often short, concise, and easy to write. Yet, every year millions of students pass up the opportunity because of essays. Take the time and make the effort. Many essays can be used again for other scholarships (with some minor adjustments).

2. **Check for eligibility**
   Always thoroughly read the scholarship application, requirements, and instructions. Some scholarships are very specific as to who is eligible to apply.

3. **Pay attention to deadlines**
   Whether it says "Postmarked by" or "Due on", you should always pay very close attention to deadlines. Keep a running list of scholarship due dates, complete the applications early, and get everything in on time. MOST Scholarships in this booklet are due by 2:00 p.m. on March 18, 2027 NO exceptions will be made.

4. **Follow directions**
   Not following directions remains one of the most common and costly blunders. Pay attention to what information and documentation is required (transcripts, essays, letters of recommendations, etc.).

5. **Neatness matters**
   If possible, always type your application. If you must print, take your time. A good idea is to keep copies of the application so that you have a working rough draft to work from.

6. **Keep copies of scholarships**
   Always keep copies of your scholarships just in case. You may be able to re-use information.

7. **Proof-read**
   Read and re-read your entire application. Check for misspellings, errors in grammar, and clarity. Once you have read the application, pass it along to a parent, friend, or teacher and have them check for errors.

8. **Ask for help**
   Some scholarship applications are short and concise. Some are long and confusing. If you are having problems or need clarification, do not hesitate to contact a representative.

Suggestions

1. **Play the numbers game**. Apply to as many scholarships as possible. Do not neglect smaller local scholarships. They add up fast.
2. **Create an inventory list**/activity resume. This includes all of your extracurricular activities, awards, honors, jobs, and noteworthy hobbies. Include pertinent details that shed light on volunteer work, projects you have been involved in, and personal qualities and growth you have demonstrated through the activity.
3. **Reuse, Reuse, Reuse**. Save your application, essays and other materials as there will often be a common theme. Do not reinvent the wheel. Many essays and materials can be used for a number of scholarships.
4. **Type your applications**. Do not handwrite your applications unless you are asked.
5. **For recommendation letters**: allow 2 weeks for the completion of the recommendation. You should provide the person writing the recommendation a "Senior Brag Sheet" so that they can personalize your recommendation and provide greater detail.
6. **DEADLINES**. Late applications are not accepted. Pay very close attention to all deadlines and requirements.
7. **ORGANIZATION** is monumentally important throughout the scholarship process. You should:
    - Keep a scholarship folder.
    - Track all deadlines
    - Have a saved copy of your Activity Resume, Recommendation Letters, Essays, and other pertinent information that will be used frequently
    - Have a copy of your PSAT/ACT/SAT scores available for your reference, as well as your transcript.

West Seneca East Senior Scholarships

All Scholarships are for **SENIORS ONLY**

Deadline is MARCH 18, 2027

The following scholarships have applications included within this booklet. Please make sure to complete the applications fully and follow the instructions.

If the application needs to be sent electronically it must be in PDF format. **Pay attention to details!**

1. Alwin O'Donnell Trade Scholarship
   Graduating senior planning to pursue a career in the trades and attending a trade school or apprenticeship.

2. Aurora Club Players Theater Scholarship
   Must be pursuing a college degree in a theater related major

3. BW's BBQ Culinary Scholarship
   Graduating Senior perusing a degree in Culinary Arts.

4. Chris Kaczkowski Memorial Scholarship
   Graduating Senior attending a two or four year college/university or vocational school full time in Fall 2027.

5. Clinton Street Elementary PTA Scholarship
   Former student of Clinton Street Elementary; Essay required.

6. CSEA Local 868/Unit 6716 Scholarship
   Parent must work for Local 868/Unit 6716; Based on academics and extra-curricular activities.

7. Donald W. Seel Memorial Scholarship

Enrolling in a 2 year or 4-year college; further studies in the area of education.

8. Eric M. Laufer Music Scholarship

Involved in some type of musical activity (instrumental, singing, song writing, recording, etc.); Accepted or in application process to a musical college or program.

9. Future Leader Scholarship

Overall average of 85 or above. Must be accepted by a 2- or 4-year college/university and attending school in the fall of 2027.

10. Get 'ER Done Scholarship

Must be attending a career technical education program in the Fall of 2027, involved in activities and a hard worker.

11. Harry H. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Must be enrolling in a college/university; Family member does not need to be a Veteran.

12. Heather A. McGowan Memorial Scholarship

Based on academics, need, school, and community activities.

13. Jeffery Michael Sgroi Scholarship

Based on academics, leaderships, and community activities.

14. Joidy DiRienzo Memorial Scholarship

Available to all Graduating seniors at West Seneca East High School.

15. Key Club Scholarship

Must be planning to attend a higher education institute in the fall. Emphasis placed on students involved in extracurricular activities.

16. Kiwanis Club of West Seneca, Inc. Scholarship

Based on academics, leadership, service & financial need.

17. Rotary Club of West Seneca Scholarship

Must demonstrate how you have lived the Rotary ideal of "Service Above Self" in extracurricular and community involvement and volunteer work; contact information for adult service leaders required; class rank/academic average used to indicate academic effort; describe your personal qualities relating to education goals and professional success.

18. Vigilant Fire Company, No. 1 Scholarship

Must demonstrate a commitment to a career in the field of public service. Qualifying students exhibit high moral values, strong work ethic, unwavering integrity and desire to give back to their communities.

19. We Need More Cowbell

Must be attending college in the Fall 2027 (full or part time), be involved in activities both in and outside of school, and love calendars.

20. West Seneca Art Society - Deadline March 1, 2027

Must live within West Seneca school district graduating in June 2027, and who is pursuing college studies in the visual arts.

21. West Seneca East Senior Leadership Scholarship

Must be a member of Leadership Club and be accepted by a 2- or 4-year college/university and attending school full time in the fall of 2027.

22. WS East Senior High School PTG Scholarship

Will be attending a 2- or 4-year college/university or vocational school full time in Fall 2027. Parent must be a member; entries based on content, grammar, and neatness

23. West Seneca Lions Club Scholarship

Outstanding service to the community (minimum of 50 hours).

24. West Seneca Lodge No 1111 F. & A.M. Educational Aid Grant

Extracurricular activities and sports; copy of grades and class rank, transcript and letter of reference needed.

25. West Seneca Police Benevolent Association Scholarship

Must reside within the WSCSD boundaries; short-essay required.

26. West Seneca Teachers Association, Inc. Senior High Scholarships

Must be accepted into college/university for Fall 2027;
Brief essay required.

27. West Seneca Woman's Club Scholarship

Males and females eligible; must have actively participated in community affairs.

28. Wilbur C. Biddlecom Memorial Scholarship

Plan to major or minor in foreign language at a two- or four-year university/college.