

# Joliet West High School Class of 1977 Legacy Scholarship

Established in Celebration of the 50th Reunion



## Scholarship Purpose

The **Joliet West High School Class of 1977 Legacy Scholarship** was established by the alumni of the Class of 1977 in celebration of our 50th Reunion. As we celebrate this milestone, we recognize that one of the greatest legacies we can leave is an investment in the future.

This scholarship reflects our gratitude for the education, friendships, and opportunities that shaped our lives at Joliet West High School. Through this scholarship, we seek to support graduating seniors who demonstrate not only academic achievement, but also integrity, perseverance, leadership, compassion, and a commitment to serving others.

We believe that true success is measured not only by personal accomplishments, but by the positive impact we have on our families, our communities, and future generations. Our hope is that each scholarship recipient will pursue excellence, live with purpose, and inspire others through a life of character and service.

The Class of 1977 is honored to invest in the dreams of the Class of 2027 and wishes every applicant success in their educational journey and future endeavors.

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## Scholarship Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a graduating senior of **Joliet West High School (Class of 2027)**.
  - Plan to enroll in an accredited college, university, community college, technical or trade school, apprenticeship, or other post-secondary educational program.
  - Have a minimum cumulative **2.8 GPA** on a 4.0 scale.
  - Demonstrate integrity, good character, and respect for others.
  - Show involvement through school activities, employment, volunteer work, leadership, athletics, community service, or family responsibilities.
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## Required Application Materials

Applicants must submit:

- Completed scholarship application with optional financial need statement
- Official Joliet West High School transcript.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, employer, or community leader.
- One-page résumé or activity summary highlighting school involvement, leadership, employment, volunteer service, extracurricular activities, and honors.
- **Personal video submission (2–4 minutes).**

**ACT and SAT scores are not required**

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## Personal Video Submission (Required)

Each applicant must submit a **2–4 minute video** introducing themselves.

The video should include:

- A brief personal introduction.
- Why you are applying for this scholarship.
- What Joliet West High School has meant to you.
- Your educational and career goals.
- How you hope to make a positive impact on others.
- Your response to the question:

**“Looking ahead 50 years, what do you hope people will remember most about the life you lived and the difference you made?”**

The committee is interested in learning about **who you are**, not your video production skills. Videos may be recorded using a smartphone, tablet, or computer. Professional production is **not expected or required**.

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## Video Authorization and Release

By submitting a video, the applicant grants permission to the **Joliet West High School Class of 1977 Legacy Scholarship Committee** to use the video for scholarship evaluation.

Applicants also acknowledge that their video **may be shown to members of the Joliet West High School Class of 1977 and shared with alumni during the 50th Reunion, future reunion events, alumni meetings, newsletters, websites, social media, or other Class of 1977 communications** to promote and celebrate the scholarship program and recognize scholarship applicants and recipients.

Videos will **never be sold or used for commercial purposes**.

Applicants under the age of 18 must also obtain the signature of a parent or legal guardian authorizing these uses.

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## Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on:

- Character and integrity
  - Leadership
  - Community involvement
  - Academic achievement
  - Perseverance in overcoming challenges
  - Work ethic and responsibility
  - Educational goals
  - Financial need (as identified on application submitted)
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## Scholarship Mission

The **Joliet West High School Class of 1977 Legacy Scholarship** exists to honor the past by investing in the future.

Our mission is to recognize students who embody the values that have long defined the Joliet West community—**integrity, perseverance, compassion, leadership, humility, service, and a commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others.**

By supporting these students, the Class of 1977 hopes to inspire future generations to pursue lives of purpose, excellence, and service while strengthening the enduring connection between Joliet West alumni and today's students.

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## Scholarship Motto

**Honoring Our Past • Investing in the Future • Inspiring the Next Generation**