

West Seneca East Senior High School

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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 East Senior specific scholarships

are due by 2:00 p.m. on March 12, 2026

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. ALL Scholarships in this booklet are due by 2:00 p.m. on March 12, 2026 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. Print or copy the application and fill out the copy first.
6. **For recommendation letters:** allow 2 weeks for the completion of the recommendation. You should provide the person writing the recommendation a "Letters of Recommendation Request Form" so that they can personalize your recommendation and provide greater detail.
7. **DEADLINES.** Late applications are not accepted. Pay very close attention to all deadlines and requirements.
8. **ORGANIZATION** is monumentally important throughout the scholarship process. You should:
 - Keep a scholarship file
 - Maintain a college scholarship search calendar, marking all due dates in red
 - 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 12, 2026

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. Aurora Club Players Theater Scholarship

Must be pursuing a college degree in a theater related major

2. Cheektowaga Lions Club Scholarship

Must reside in Cheektowaga; Based on service, leadership, citizenship and academics, & financial need; Transcript from counselor required

3. Chris Kaczowski Memorial Scholarship

Graduating Senior attending a two or four year college/university or vocational school full time in Fall 2026.

4. Clinton Street Elementary PTA Scholarship

Former student of Clinton Street Elementary; Essay required.

5. CSEA Local 868/Unit 6716 Scholarship

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

6. Donald W. Seel Memorial Scholarship

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

7. 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.

8. 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 2026.

9. Get 'ER Done Scholarship

Must be attending a career technical education program in the Fall of 2026, involved in activities and a hard worker.

10. Harry H. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

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

11. Heather A. McGowan Memorial Scholarship

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

12. Jeffery Michael Sgroi Scholarship

Based on academics, leaderships, and community activities.

13. Key Club Scholarship

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

14. Kiwanis Club of West Seneca, Inc. Scholarship

Based on academics, leadership, service & financial need.

15. Lukey's Legacy

Must be accepted to a college or University beginning in September 2026. Applicant must submit a completed application and a short-typewritten essay between 250-500 words about someone or something that inspires or influenced you to set you up for your future goals.

16. PFLAG Scholarship

Must be a self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (LGBTQ) youth or a straight ally (i.e., a heterosexual who demonstrates outstanding support to LGBTQ youth and/or the LGBTQ community).

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 2026 (full or part time), be involved in activities both in and outside of school, and love calendars.

20. West Seneca Art Society

Must live within West Seneca school district graduating in June 2026, and who is pursuing college studies in the visual arts.

21. West Seneca Civic & Patriotic Commission Scholarship

Based on community involvement and volunteer work.

22. 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 2026.

23. WS East Senior High School PTG Scholarship

Will be attending a 2- or 4-year college/university or vocational school full time in Fall 2026. Parent must be a member; entries based on content, grammar, and neatness

24. West Seneca East Spirit Booster Club Scholarships

Senior athletes only (males and females); chosen at random. Must have earned a Varsity letter in at least one sport; must attend college in Fall 2026

25. West Seneca Lions Club Scholarship

Outstanding service to the community (minimum of 100 hours).

26. 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.

27. West Seneca Police Benevolent Association Scholarship

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

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

Must be accepted into college/university for Fall 2026;
Brief essay required.

29. West Seneca Woman's Club Scholarship

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

30. Wilbur C. Biddlecom Memorial Scholarship

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