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2026 LLA Scholarship Application

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake Lenape Association Scholarship Committee is to recognize and award our outstanding youth who exemplify community engagement and social responsibility and who positively impact our community.

GOALS

- To award three scholarships to LLA members who are graduating from high school in the current year. One of the scholarships will be awarded in memory of Kelsey Bederka.
- To provide opportunities for the Lake Lenape Community to encourage and support our youth as they enter adulthood.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to apply for one of the three Lake Lenape Association Scholarships, **applicants need to be members in good standing during the current and previous years membership cycles (2025 and 2026)**. Students must be graduating from high school with the class of 2026 and must plan to attend a post-secondary education program beginning in the fall or summer of 2026. Scholarship winners will need to show documentation of acceptance and contract to attend the post-secondary program before scholarship funds are released to the student.

TIMELINES

Scholarship applications are due on or before **April 30. The application can be submitted via regular mail to the above address or electronically to Peggy Widgren at banewidgren@gmail.com.**

Scholarship winners will be announced at the LLA Memorial Day Picnic and students will be presented their awards at their high school's senior awards ceremony.

SCORING

A panel of three volunteer senior Lake Lenape members will be scoring your application. All judging will be done anonymously; the scorers will not be given the names of the applicants. Any names that appear on any of the components of the application will be redacted prior to scoring.

For any questions about the application process, please text or call Peggy Widgren at 973-534-8643.

COVER PAGE

(This page will not be viewed by the scorers)

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ email: _____

High School Attending: _____

Colleges and Institutions where I have applied:

_____ Accepted ___ Yes ___ Pending

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_____ Accepted ___ Yes ___ Pending

_____ Accepted ___ Yes ___ Pending

_____ Accepted ___ Yes ___ Pending

_____ Accepted ___ Yes ___ Pending

Components of Application Attached:

___ Clubs & Activities (attached resume optional)

___ Essay #1

___ Essay #2

___ Transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)

___ Letter of Recommendation

Statement of Assurance:

I, _____ assure that the contents of this application were completed by me and the responses are truthful to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Clubs and Activities

If you have a resume, you may attach it.

Describe the top five activities, sports or hobbies in which you have participated

1. _____ Dates _____

2. _____ Dates _____

3. _____ Dates _____

4. _____ Dates _____

5. _____ Dates _____

Honors received during high school: _____

What do you want to study/major in? _____

If you have worked during high school provide information about your job(s).

Employer _____

Position _____

Hours worked weekly _____ Dates of Employment _____

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Clubs and Activities, continued...

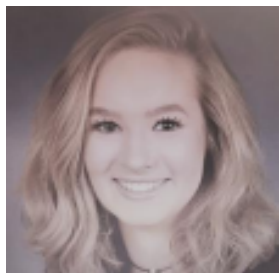
List and describe any volunteer work.

What has been your most important achievement?

ESSAY PROMPTS

(Please attach responses on a separate page)

Please do not include any names or information that would personally identify you. We would like the essays and applications to be judged without names so as not to influence anyone's decision.



Essay Prompt #1 - 650 words or less

Kelsey Bederka was born and raised at Lake Lenape and worked as one of our lifeguards at the age of 16. As a small child and later as a teen, she very much enjoyed spending time at the lake with family and friends. Her close friends say she was always the first one to jump in the lake early each season and the last one to jump in once it got cold. Clearly, she was someone who truly loved Lake Lenape. Please explain why Lake Lenape is special to you.

Essay Prompt #2 - 650 words or less

Please choose from one of the essay prompts below or submit one of your college application essays.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma—anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.
8. Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
9. Describe a time when you made a meaningful contribution to others in which the greater good was your focus. Discuss the challenges and rewards of making your contribution.
10. Has there been a time when you've had a long-cherished or accepted belief challenged? How did you respond? How did the challenge affect your beliefs?
11. What is the hardest part of being a teenager now? What's the best part? What advice would you give a younger sibling or friend (assuming they would listen to you)?

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SCORING

(This section will be completed by the scorers)

The maximum number of points that can be received by each scorer is a 20. Applicants will be rated based on the scoring matrix below.

Scoring Matrix:

Component	Maximum Points	Reader 1	Reader 2	Reader 3
Clubs and Activities	4			
Essay #1	8			
Essay #2	6			
Transcript	2			
Letter of Recommendation	No point value assigned, but must be included.			
Total Points	20			

Average Final Score: _____

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