

Kiwanis Club of Litchfield Scholarship Program

The Kiwanis Club of Litchfield is dedicated to supporting the educational goals of local students. Our scholarship program recognizes graduating seniors who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership potential, and a steadfast commitment to community service.

Award Overview

- **Total Award:** Up to **\$2,000** (\$500 per semester).
- **Duration:** Up to four **continuous, full-time** semesters.
- **Distribution:** Payments are made directly to the institution's Registrar's Office.
- **Flexibility:** Funds may be applied toward tuition, books, room and board, transportation, or other education-related costs.
- **Funding Note:** Awards are contingent upon available club funding.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Residency:** Must reside in the Kiwanis Club of Litchfield Service District (**Litchfield Park, Goodyear, Avondale, Tolleson, Buckeye, Surprise, or El Mirage**) OR attend a school hosting a Kiwanis Student Leadership Program.
 - **Academic Standing:** Minimum unweighted **GPA of 2.5/4.0** and ranking in the top 50% of your graduating class.
 - **Institution:** Must be enrolled in an accredited public or private college, university, or technical/vocational school (in-state or out-of-state).
 - **Priority:** Preference is given to active **Key Club** members.
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Application Requirements

Applicants must submit a complete package including:

1. **Official Application Form:** The Kiwanis Scholarship Application.
2. **Official Transcript:** Signed documentation verifying GPA and class rank.
3. **Proof of Service:** Records of extracurricular service within your school and community.
4. **Professional Resume:** A typed document featuring:
 - A synopsis of service hours over four years (include organizations and roles).
 - Employment history (paid or volunteer).
 - A paragraph regarding your chosen career path.
 - A personal statement on why you should be selected for this award.
5. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters (max 1 page each) from non-relatives (e.g., teachers, clergy, or professionals) vouching for your character.
6. **Acceptance Letter:** Proof of admission to your intended institution(s).

7. **Financial Need:** Documentation demonstrating financial necessity.
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Critical Dates & Attendance Policy

Failure to meet the following deadlines or attendance requirements will result in the scholarship being rescinded.

- **Submission Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked by **March 31, 2026**.
 - **Award Presentation:** Recipients are required to attend the Kiwanis meeting on **Monday, May 4, 2026**.
 - **Ongoing Attendance:** To maintain the award, recipients must attend one regular meeting per quarter on the following dates:
 - May 4, 2026
 - December 21, 2026
 - May 3, 2027
 - December 20, 2027
 - **Rescheduling:** Recipients may reschedule **only one (1)** date if necessary. You are responsible for coordinating the makeup date with the club.
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Maintaining Your Scholarship

To receive each \$500 semester installment, recipients must provide the following via email or mail:

- **Academic Proof:** A transcript showing a minimum **3.0 GPA** for the previous term and registration for at least 12 graded hours for the upcoming term.
- **Financial Proof:** A copy of the upcoming term's tuition bill.
- **Progress Letter:** An update on your academic goals, career path, and community service activities.
- **Attendance:** Verification of attendance at the required Kiwanis meetings listed above.

Continuous Enrollment: Attendance must be continuous (Fall and Spring). Written requests for breaks (up to two years for military or missionary service) must be approved by the Scholarship Committee in advance.

Contact & Submission

- **Mail:** P.O. Box 183, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340
- **Questions? Email Ron Washington at** rontherealtoraz@gmail.com