ST. CHARLES
EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2026-2027 STC ED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

General Information

The St. Charles Education Foundation was founded in 1992 to promote excellence in education through community awareness, involvement, and philanthropy. The Ed. Foundation accepts, solicits, and disburses contributions, gifts, and bequests, from individuals, groups, or businesses to enhance educational opportunities offered students otherwise not available through regular funding resources.

One College Bound and One Skilled Trades to be presented at each of the two Awards Nights, in 2027. This is a change from previous years to emphasize an additional pathway post graduation.

The monetary value of each scholarship will be a minimum of $1,000.00. To qualify, seniors are expected to further their education at a 2-year or 4-year college or university, vocational school, or post high school institution of higher learning. The scholarships are a one-time non-renewable award which will be granted based on overall merit. The scholarship applications are available at St. Charles North, East, and Compass Academy, guidance office and at St. Charles Education Foundation.

Specific Requirements:

1. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher, to be supported by a copy of a transcript of grades. Please include a copy with the application.
2. Application to at least a two or four-year college or university, vocational school, or other post high school institution.
3. Completion of a formal, personally oriented essay of approximately 300 words on the following topic:
   How have the high school experiences helped you to be prepared to grow toward being a responsible and caring citizen in the world beyond today?
   Specific courses, teachers, individuals, extracurricular or work activities, or volunteer opportunities can be cited, and explained.
4. Letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult.
   A teacher or administrator who knows you well or an adult outside of your respective high school. (Example: employer, civic, church or volunteer leader)
5. A list of activities both in school and out of the school environment, including honors received during the high school career.
6. Completed application MUST be mailed, post marked **MARCH 19, 2027** to the Foundation for Review of Applications.

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The judging of all applications will be done by a committee of three individuals who have no eligible students at the high schools nor are voting members of the Board of Directors or Friends of the Foundation. Applications will be presented to the judging committee without identifying information and therefore, decisions will be made "blindly." The application will be judged on meeting the specific requirements as well as the organization of ideas, sincerity, neatness, grammar, and spelling.

Application Time Schedule

Applications available in Guidance Offices and on STCEF website	February 22nd, 2027
Applications postmarked to the Foundation	March 19th, 2027
Announcement of scholarship winner	Senior Awards Night

Award of Scholarships

The winner of each $1,000 scholarship will be announced at the Senior Awards Night at the respective high school. The scholarship money will be used to fund tuition, books, fees or living expenses while enrolled in the scholarship winner's institution of higher learning. Funds will be transferred directly to the student only after proof of registration is supplied by the student.

Please mail this completed application form on or before the due date of **March 19th, 2027.**
(**Applications postmarked after March 19th, will not be accepted**)

The St. Charles Education Foundation
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1366
St. Charles, IL 60175

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To keep the information completely confidential, and to allow for the selection committee members to review this application without bias, this information will be kept separately from the rest of your application file. The completed application is **due March 19th, 2027, post marked.**

Part I - Personal Information

Please print legibly, using dark ink.

Applicant's Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name or Initial

Applicant's Student Identification Number: _____

Father/Name _____Mother/Name _____

(or Guardian) (or Guardian)

Home Address _____

Phone Number _____(cell) _____

Email Address _____

Please list those schools to which you have applied for admission:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: Date: _____

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Part II - Essay

This essay is a very important part of the application. Please answer the question in approximately 300 words:

- How have your high school experiences prepared you to grow into a responsible and compassionate citizen, ready to make a positive impact in the world?

- Specific courses, teachers, individuals, extra-curricular activities, or volunteer opportunities can be cited and explained.

Organization of your ideas, sincerity, neatness, grammar, and spelling will be taken into account.
Please type or print the essay on this page or on attached pages to this application.
Make sure to proofread the essay and application before submitting them for processing.
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Part III - Activities

You may print on this form, or use this same format, retype this form to identify the information requested below. Please list each activity you were involved in from grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (Sports, clubs, service projects, etc.)

Activity Grade Level Your Participation

_____

II. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Church, volunteer services, etc.)

Activity Grade Level Your Participation

_____

III. AWARDS AND HONORS

Award/Honor Received Grade Level Description of Award

_____

IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

Place of Work Grade Level Responsibilities of Job

_____

V. PERSONAL INTERESTS

What course of study do you intend to pursue? _____

What does winning this award mean to you? _____

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Part IV - Letter of Recommendation Adult Reference

Reference on behalf of student applicant: _____
(Name of Student)

By referencing adult: _____
(Name of Reference

Relationship to applicant: _____

The St. Charles Education Foundation's scholarships will be awarded to four graduating seniors, two from St. Charles East High School and two from St. Charles North High School. They must intend to continue their education beyond high school at a 2- or 4-year college or university, vocational or other post high school learning institution. One College Bound and One Skilled Trades awarded per High School. This is a change from previous years to emphasize an additional pathway post graduation.

Please supply a confidential, sincere, candid, and brief evaluation of the above student regarding ideas of his/her: scholastic activities, motivation, leadership, citizenship, initiative, creativity, concern for others, and degree of involvement in extracurricular activities, etc. Please state your relationship with this student and how long you have known her/him and in what capacity**. Please place the student's name at the top of your evaluation letter and avoid using the name in the body of the letter.** Return your completed reference letter with this form attached to:

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Part V - Transcript Request Form

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FOR STUDENT USE

Applicant: Please include a copy of your transcript with your application form and essay. Please include your 7th Semester.

NAME: _____

STUDENT I.D.# _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

BIRTHDATE _____

REQUESTED BY: _____
Student's Signature

DATE OF REQUEST: _____

REMINDER: THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING YOUR COMPLETED AND RETURNED APPLICATION IS:

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