

Smaltz-Kness / York Township Trust Scholarship

Scholarship Application Information

The Smaltz-Kness / York Township Trust offers scholarship grants to residents of York Township who have been accepted for post-secondary enrollment at an accredited institution or will go directly into an apprenticeship. All applicants must have resided in York Township for a minimum of one year prior to the date of application. Recipients who received the scholarship for one year are eligible to apply for a second year.

Grant recipients will be selected by the Trustees following a review of all submitted applications. Preference, as determined by the Trustees, will be given to:

- Graduating high school seniors
- Applicants pursuing their first and/or second year of post-secondary education
- Students enrolled full-time (Post Secondary must reflect this on transcripts)

The amount of each year's grant will be determined by available funds and the number of scholarships awarded. Payment will be issued later in the summer after proof of enrollment (full time must be reflected) has been received by the Trustees.

Application Submission Information

Applications are available from and **MUST BE RETURNED BY MAIL** to one of the following locations. All materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Mail or Deliver To:

Kendra Stuver (Trust President)
2001 West St.
Thomson, IL 61285

Thomson Village Hall
2100 Market Street, P.O. Box 458
Thomson, IL 61285

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Follow the requirements of the application and ensure that all documents are attached and the letter of recommendation is from an individual listed.

Questions

Questions regarding the scholarship program may be directed to:
Kendra Stuver – (815) 858-5871

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Applicant Information

Full Name:

Address (must be within York Township limits):

How long have you lived at this address?

Parent/Guardian Information (if applicable)

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Parent/Guardian Address (if different):

Educational Information

High School Attending or Attended:

College You Plan to Attend:

If NOT attending a post-secondary school, list apprenticeship, or employer:

If you are currently attending a post-secondary school, Institution Name:

Is this your first year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Contact Information

Best Phone Number:

Email Address:

Required Attachments (must be included)

- ☐ Short essay (approx. half-page) on career/occupation plans
- ☐ Two personal letters of recommendation (non-relatives), one must be from Superintendent, Principal, Teacher, Professor, or Guidance Counselor, or Religious Leader, Work Supervisor, or Village of Thomson public official
- ☐ Most recent high school or college transcript

Certification & Signatures

I certify that all information provided is true and complete.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature (high school students only):

Date:
