



Chardon Area Chamber of Commerce 2026 Scholarship Fund Guidelines

Graduating High School seniors who are residents of the Chardon Local School District (as defined by the Chardon Local Schools) and who have applied to an accredited vocational school or two/four year degree-granting institute of post-secondary education are eligible for the Chardon Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

Qualifications and Guidelines:

- Applicant has accumulated a minimum of 40 hours of community service while enrolled as a student
- Applicant has participated in at least two extra-curricular activities and/or is employed
- Applicant must be a resident of the Chardon Local School District
- Minimum GPA: 3.00
- Must complete 800 - 1,000 word essay answering:
 - What is a personal achievement that makes you proud?
 - What is a mistake you have made and what was your take away from that experience?
 - Describe how you view yourself.
- Must include transcript
- Must include two typed and signed recommendation letters – one being from a non-faculty member - Recommendation letters should describe student's character, initiative and judgement

Procedure:

1. Each applicant must complete the application and electronically submit all components through the Application Link on the Chamber website.
2. Please save the date for **Tuesday, February 4, 2026** between 3 – 5p. The top 6 candidates will be required to attend a 30 minute, individual in-person interview on that date. If you are unable to attend this interview, you will forfeit your space. All applicants will be contacted on Wednesday, February 10, 2026 with the Scholarship Committee's final decisions.
3. Winners will be recognized at the Chamber Banquet scheduled in person on **February, 24, 2026 from 5:00-8:00** pm at St. Denis Golf Club & Event Center. The winner and one guest will receive tickets with additional guests having the opportunity to purchase tickets to the ceremony.
4. Official checks will be sent to the winners' home address once a receipt from the post-secondary educational institution is emailed to info@chardonchamber.com by the scholarship recipient.

Amount of Scholarship:

The Chamber will award up to two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

When to Apply:

Applications will be made available at area High Schools and online at <https://www.chardonchamber.com/55826-2/>
The deadline for submission is January 23, 2026 at 5 pm.

Completed applications **must** be submitted to the Chamber online. **Incomplete applications, or those received after the deadline will not be considered.**

*If for any reason the winner of the scholarship is unable to pursue their post-secondary education, scholarship winnings will be returned to the Chamber and awarded to the next eligible applicant.