

# DELAWARE COUNTY FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Graduating from West Delaware, Maquoketa Valley, or Edgewood-Colesburg High School
- Planning to attend a fully accredited nonprofit or public college, university, vocational, or technical school in the state of Iowa
- GPA of 2.5 or above

**AWARD AMOUNT:** \$800 (approximate)

## CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

- Priority is given to students who wish to pursue a career in land stewardship and/ or conservation.

*Your completed hard copy application with all required documents (ONE of each) must be received at the Community Foundation, via email at [scholarships@gcrf.org](mailto:scholarships@gcrf.org) or 324 Third Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401, by 4:30 pm on Thursday, February 12, 2026.*

## SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

*Please write legibly:*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (prefer non-school if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Student cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High school: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_\_ out of a class of: \_\_\_\_\_

College planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned major field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION 3: FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/guardian 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian 1 occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian 1 employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian 2 occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian 2 employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings currently attending college: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, I certify that the information contained therein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that false information or omission of data may result in denial of my application. *If chosen for a Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation scholarship award, I agree to complete the Scholarship Acceptance Letter Form and return it to the Community Foundation office. I understand that if I do not return the completed acceptance letter, my scholarship funds will be awarded to the selected alternate.* I also agree that my name can be used in announcements made by the Community Foundation regarding the particular scholarship(s) for any scholarship that I may be awarded.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 4: SCHOOL & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

On separate page(s) include the following information for both school and volunteer activities in which you have participated:

- Organization
- Start date
- End date
- Role

## SECTION 5: WORK/BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

On separate page(s) include the following information for work/business activities in which you have participated:

- Organization
- Start date
- End date
- Role

## SECTION 6: PERSONAL ESSAY

On separate page(s) include a brief essay (200-300 words) describing yourself, including personal aspirations, educational and career goals.

## SECTION 7: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Include the following with your application:

- Academic transcript
- Academic letter of reference (Letter from teacher, counselor, administrator, etc)
- Non-academic letter of reference (Letter from employer, volunteer supervisor, etc)

Please be careful to ascertain that you meet the eligibility requirements and criteria for the scholarship(s) for which you are applying and to include all required information with your application.

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## 2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

Key Dates	Actions
Jan. 9	<p>Community Foundation scholarship application portal opens for students to apply for the following opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merveaux Academic Excellence Scholarship</li> <li>• Glidden Community Service Scholarship</li> <li>• Outstanding Student Leader Scholarship</li> <li>• College Opportunity Scholarship</li> <li>• Kalous Opportunity Scholarship (renewable for additional 3 years)</li> <li>• Komensky Society Scholarship</li> <li>• McNamara Future Educator's Scholarship</li> <li>• Gems of Hope Cancer Scholarship</li> </ul>
Feb. 12 @ 4:30pm	All scholarship applications deadline.
April 22, 2025	Community Foundation Board of Directors reviews/approves recommendations
April / May (last week)	<p>Senior recognition / award events; Community Foundation staff attend as available to present scholarships to the winners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• other scholarship award and acceptance letter will be emailed to the recipient.</li> </ul>