

United Way



**United Way Great River Region
(UWGRR)
Scholarship Application
2025**

Personal Data (Please Print)	
Name	Date of Birth -
Street Address	Phone # -
City and Zip Code	
Parent/Guardian Information	
Father/Guardian Name	
Mother/Guardian Name	
Scholarship Potential	
Current cumulative high school grade point average (GPA) at the end of fall semester senior year -	
Please submit a copy of your official high school transcript that includes your cumulative GPA through fall semester senior year.	
Please list the colleges, universities, community colleges, or vocational schools for which you have applied.	
Please list the colleges, universities, community colleges, or vocational schools for which you have been accepted.	
What is your intended major?	
Will you be a full-time student? – 12 or more semester hours	Yes No
Will you be a part-time student? – Less than 12 semester hours but at least 6 hours	Yes No
Please list other scholarships for which you have applied.	
Please list scholarships for which you have been awarded.	
Do you plan to work while attending college?	Yes No

Civic Affairs and Career Goals

Please attach a typed 500-word essay addressing your involvement in and commitment to civic affairs (refer to any school or community activities, leadership programs, awards, organizations, clubs, offices, or honors that you would like to bring to the attention of the scholarship committee). The essay should also address your career goal(s), the reason(s) you are interested in the profession, how community service has shaped the vision of your future, and your knowledge of UWGRR.

I certify and declare that the information I have provided is an accurate and complete disclosure of the information requested.

_____ Signature of Applicant	_____ Date
Completed applications must be submitted by <u>5</u> p.m., 7 March, 2025 to: Mike Greenslaugh, Executive Director, 515 Main Street, PO Box 251, Keokuk, IA 52632	

GENERAL INFORMATION

The United Way of the Great River Region is offering a \$500 scholarship to assist seniors in Clark, Hancock, and Lee counties to continue their education. Scholarships will be available to graduating seniors of all high schools in the three-county area. Students may use the scholarship at any recognized college, university, community college, or vocational school of their choosing. A check will be made payable and delivered to the student.

Scholarship applications will be awarded based on scholarship potential, leadership, citizenship, community service, academic qualifications, interviews, and the candidates' knowledge of UWGRR mission, vision, and goals.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements or the application will not be considered:

1. Current high school senior residing in Clark County, MO; Hancock County, IL; or Lee County, IA.
2. Must be accepted into a recognized college, university, community college, or vocational school.
3. Must submit application on the form provided and include three current reference letters.
4. Applications must be received by the due date.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Interested applicants must submit all of the following items to Mike Greenslaugh at United Way of the Great River Region. Deadline for submission is March 7, 2025.

1. A 500-word essay addressing your involvement in civic affairs (community service/volunteer work), your future career goals, and your knowledge of United Way of the Great River Region.
2. Three current letters of recommendation.
3. A copy of the applicant's high school grades and statement of GPA based on 4.0 scale which has been signed by the applicant's school counselor or other authorized school official.

EVALUATION PROCESS

A scholarship committee composed of the UWGRR Scholarship Committee will evaluate the applications. The Scholarship Committee will review all completed, written applications that are submitted by the deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria and points system.

Scholarship Potential – A maximum of 20 points will be awarded for scholarship potential. This will be evaluated based on cumulative grade point average at the end of the fall semester of the senior school year.

GPA	Points Awarded
4.00 - 3.5	20
3.49 - 3.0	15
2.99 - 2.5	10
2.49 - 2.0	5

Applicants whose grade point average is below 2.0 will receive 0 points.

- **Civic Affairs, Community Service, and Career Goals** – A maximum of 50 points will be awarded for participation in civic affairs (community service/volunteer work) and a clear and defined statement of career goals and purpose. The scholarship committee will award points in this category based on three letters of personal recommendation and the 500-word essay to be submitted with each application. Applicants are encouraged to be specific in their statements of career goals and their participation (past, present, and/or future) in civic affairs and/or community service. The scholarship committee will award the maximum points to those applicants that have clear and well-defined career goals and that have demonstrated a firm commitment to civic affairs and/or community service.
- **Interview** – A maximum of 30 points will be awarded based on a ten-minute interview with the members of the scholarship committee. It is important to dress appropriately and professionally for the interview.

Evaluation of the applications will be conducted in two phases. Phase one will consist of the scholarship committee selecting the top applicants based on scholarship potential and civic affairs/career goals. Top candidates will be notified of their selection to participate in phase two. Phase two will be the interview. The final selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on the scores from phase one and the personal interviews in phase two. Recipients will be notified via letter from USPS. Questions may be directed to Mike Greenslaugh (319) 524-4504 or director@unitedwaygrr.org.

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