

Northeast Illinois Council, Boy Scouts of America

2026 Eagle Scout Scholarship

Applications will not be considered if received later than midnight, December 31, 2026. All applications should be addressed to: *Northeast Illinois Council, Scouting America, Eagle Scout Scholarship Selection, 850 Forest Edge Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061* or emailed to carl.monk@scouting.org. Only this version of the application is accepted, any other versions will not be considered.

An Eagle Scout will be selected to receive a one-time Northeast Illinois Council scholarship.

The amount of the scholarship is at least **\$1,000.00**. The funds are applicable towards tuition at the accredited college/university or trade/vocational school of their choosing. This scholarship is made possible through the support of Northeast Illinois Council and the Eagle Scout Association.

This application becomes the property of the Selection Committee and will not be returned to the applicant. The Selection Committee will inform all applicants of their decision by March 1, 2027.

Before submitting, please ensure you are following the specifications below:

- Be currently registered in the Northeast Illinois Council, Scouting America or were actively registered prior to age 18 in a Troop or Venture Crew in the Northeast Illinois Council.
- Have received the Eagle Scout Award. Applicants should ensure that they have been certified (approval from National) as an Eagle Scout prior to submission of the application. Eagle Board must be dated December 31, 2026, or earlier.
- Applicants must be one of the following:
 - A graduating high school senior or in their first year of college/university or trade/vocational school.
 - Taking a gap year that will last no more than one full school year after high school. (Applicants must indicate post gap-year plans in the application).
- Have demonstrated leadership ability in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting in the school or community.
- Have only one letter of endorsement from a registered Scout Leader who knows the applicant personally.
- Attach a personal statement clearly stating how you adhere to the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life. If you wish to use a pre-existing document (such as college application letter, Statement of Ambitions and Life Purpose from Eagle application, etc.), you are permitted to do so if the applicant feels it is appropriate and fits the application criteria.
- Application must be signed by the Scout and by a Parent/Guardian. If a Parent/Guardian is unable to sign, then a Scoutmaster may sign in place of the Parent/Guardian. Handwritten or Electronic signatures are accepted.
- A typed application is preferred. Please ensure all documents are legible, signed, and dated. Scoutbook data may be pasted onto this application.
- An application may be discarded if any of the above criteria are not followed. Please make sure all documents are signed and dated where asked and the application is filled out thoroughly. Extra letters/resumes, additional pages, etc. may be removed/not considered to make it equal to other applicants.

Please follow all instructions carefully.

2026 EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (AWARDED IN 2027)

Name: _____ E-mail address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Date of High School Graduation: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Eagle Scout Award: _____

Number of merit badges earned: _____ Date of last merit badge: _____

Names of Parents/Guardians and Scoutmaster:

Parent/Guardian 1: _____

Parent/Guardian 2: _____

Scoutmaster: _____

My Eagle Project was: _____

SCOUTING RECORD

I am/was registered in (Unit Type and Number): _____

My current (or youth) Leadership position(s) are/were the following (if applicable):

<u>Positions Held</u>	<u>Total Months Served in Position</u>	<u>National Awards Earned</u>	<u>Year</u>
Patrol Leader	_____	50-Miler Award	_____
Senior Patrol Leader	_____	Historic Trails Award	_____
Assistant SPL	_____	Distinguished Conserv. Service Award	_____
Junior Assistant	_____	Lifeguard BSA	_____
Scoutmaster	_____	Venture Rangers Award	_____
Troop Guide	_____	Religious Emblem	_____

Den Chief	_____	Medal of Merit	_____
Crew President	_____	Heroism Award	_____
OA Ordeal Member	_____	Bronze Palm	_____
OA Brotherhood	_____	Gold Palm	_____
OA Vigil Honor	_____	Silver Palm	_____

List other Scouting positions/awards (with date)_____

List all Long-term outdoor experiences including staff positions for each group below along with year(s):

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan or treks: _____

High-adventure bases (Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, Summit), National or World Jamborees:

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Name of high school/preparatory school_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____

List the school activities you have been involved in during your time in high school/preparatory school.

Activity	Total Months Involved	Position/Varsity Letter
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

OTHER ACTIVITIES

List your activities outside of school or Scouting, such as civic, religious activities, and /or work positions held.

Name of Activity	Months Involved	Position/Title
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Post High School Plans

In order of preference, list colleges/universities and/or trade/vocational schools, to which you have applied to, plan to apply, or have been accepted. If a gap year is intended, please input plans for after that gap year.

College/University/Trade/Vocational School Names

What major(s)/course of study/trades do you plan to pursue?

What would you like to do when you graduate from College/University/Trade/Vocational School?

Authorization Form

If selected, I hereby authorize the Eagle Scout Scholarship Selection Committee to request and obtain any information it may deem necessary. I agree to appear for an in-person interview on a date/time and place chosen by the selection committee.

On my honor as a Scout, all information and statements on this form are true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

I have read the foregoing application, agree with all criteria and conditions, and it has my approval.

Signature of parent/guardian 1: _____ Date _____

Signature of parent/guardian 2: _____ Date _____

OR

Signature of Scoutmaster (in lieu of parent/guardian)

_____ Date _____

Initials and date received at NEIC: _____ Date _____