



Starved Rock Country Community Foundation

Scholarship Opportunities

On behalf of generous individuals, SRCCF administers a scholarship program each year to help students pursue their dreams and goals at colleges and universities following high school graduation. The Starved Rock Country Community Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to **announce the 2025 educational scholarships.**

To streamline the amount of time you need to spend completing each of these scholarships, we have created a common portion of the application (Part I) that will be used by the Scholarship Committee. Please complete both pages. You only need to complete this once. You are also being asked to complete a separate essay for each scholarship for which you wish to apply and provide two letters of recommendation from educators who can support your application. Please be sure to attach the appropriate essay(s) and letters of recommendation for each scholarship to Part 1. Return the entire packet to us in person, by mail or via email. *We recommend that you call the Foundation office within five (5) business days after sending your application to us to confirm we received it!*

Scholarship funds will be awarded by check, made payable to the college or university for deposit in the student's account.

PLEASE CONTACT THE FOUNDATION OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 7, 2025.

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For Office Use Only:
Applicant # _____

PART 1 - PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

I AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP(S) Please be sure to attach the appropriate Appendix:

_____ APPENDIX A: The Rising Star Scholarship

_____ APPENDIX B: The Carol and Dick Janko Scholarship for Promising Entrepreneurs

_____ APPENDIX C: The Internet of Things (IoT) Scholarship for Science, Engineering and Technology,
presented by B&B SmartWorx Powered by Advantech

_____ APPENDIX D: The Mac-Aero Scholarship for Aeronautics and Aviation

_____ APPENDIX E: Tangled Roots Brewing Company Pie It Forward Scholarship for Hospitality and
Culinary Arts

_____ APPENDIX F: The Charles H. Beckett Scholarship for Culinary Arts

_____ APPENDIX G: The Women Inspired Network Scholarship

_____ APPENDIX H: The Stephen Charles Vogler Scholarship for Electronics and Communications

_____ APPENDIX I: The Robert J. and Ellen G. Moore Memorial Scholarship for
Wenona, Illinois Students

_____ APPENDIX J: The Molly Lenora Yacko Memorial Scholarship

_____ APPENDIX K: The Streator Leading Ladies Maxine Wargo Working Women's Scholarship

_____ APPENDIX L: The Robert Cotner Memorial Scholarship

_____ APPENDIX M: The Dolores "Dee" Heflebower Memorial IVCC Nursing Scholarship

My signature verifies that all the information in the packet is accurate and authorizes my high school or college Counseling Office to release an official copy of my transcript, if requested, to necessary scholarship committees:

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

For Office Use Only: Applicant # - _____

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Name of School Currently Attending _____ located in _____ County, Illinois.

SAT or ACT Composite _____ Cumulative GPA _____ GED Score _____

What college, university, or job do you plan to attend in the Fall? _____

Please provide your intended college major _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/SERVICE

Academic Activities - Please list all academic activities or clubs in which you have participated during high school or college. List all positions of responsibility or leadership.

Activity	Position	Year(s)

Awards/Honors—Please list all awards and honors, such as honor roll, department honors, or academic club awards (during your high school, college, or after-college years, whichever are applicable.)

Award/Honor	Year Received

Leadership/Service Activities –Please list all leadership and service activities in which you have participated during high school, college, or after-college years, whichever are applicable. List such items as Student Council, Key Club, youth group activities, or other involvement in your community, etc. List all positions of responsibility or leadership.

Activity	Position	Year(s)

Employment/Extracurricular Activities- Please list your employment history and all extracurricular activities in which you have participated during high school or college. List all positions of responsibility or leadership.

Activity	Position	Year(s)

APPENDIX A: THE RISING STAR SCHOLARSHIP

ONE \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.*
- 2. Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.*
- 3. Do not staple papers!*
- 4. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!***
- 5. Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Rising Star Scholarship. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.*

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Livingston, Marshall, or Lee Counties in Illinois.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting program (minimum of 12 credit hours) for the following academic year at Illinois State University in the field of Elementary Education, with the intent to teach elementary school-age children.
- Scholarship funds will be awarded by check, made payable to ISU for deposit in the student's account upon receipt by the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation of a letter from ISU, confirming the student's enrollment in the university.
- Has demonstrated the following:
 - Positive attitude
 - Encourages others.
 - Charitable, Compassionate
 - Hardworking
 - High Moral Character
 - Role Model to Underclassmen
 - Patient with him/herself and others
 - Preference will be given to students who have been involved in school activities and/or have volunteered in various ways both at school and in the community.
- Essay Questions to be answered:
 1. Why do you want to become a teacher at the elementary school level?
 2. What makes you a "good fit" for such a career?
 3. Who has been your most influential teacher to date and why?

Must include two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your ability and desire to become an educator in the field of Early Education. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

The Starved Rock Country Community Foundation Scholarship Evaluation Committee chooses the winner in April, and the recipient is notified within two (2) weeks.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 7, 2025.

APPENDIX B: CAROL AND DICK JANKO SCHOLARSHIP FOR PROMISING ENTREPRENEURS
A TOTAL OF \$7,500 WILL BE AWARDED

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

1. *Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.*
2. *Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.*
3. *Do not staple papers!*
4. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!**
5. *Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Scholarship for Promising Entrepreneurs. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.*

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- **Has entrepreneurial experience during high school or college.**
- **Preference will be given to students who have been involved in entrepreneurial activities at school, in the community, and/or who have taken entrepreneurship or vocational courses.**
- **Must be a resident of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Livingston, Marshall, or Lee counties.**
- **Applicant must be a current high-school senior or a recent graduate.**
- **Must be enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting college or university (minimum of 12 credit hours) for the following academic year.**
- **Positive attitude; Charitable, Compassionate**
- **Hardworking; High Moral Character**
- **Role Model to Underclassmen**

REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS

- **Must include an essay addressing the following questions:**
 1. **What does “Entrepreneurship” mean to you?**
 2. **The creation of the internet has both helped and complicated the rise of entrepreneurship. How would you leverage the internet to develop a business?**
 3. **How would you manage the increased competition that an online marketplace produces?**

Must include two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your ability and desire to become an entrepreneur upon graduation from college. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

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APPENDIX C: The Internet of Things (IoT) Scholarship for Engineering, Science & Technology, Presented by Advantech

**TWO \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED
\$2,500 Scholarship to a Male Recipient and \$2,500 to a Female Recipient**

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. *Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.***
- 2. *Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.***
- 3. *Do not staple papers!***
- 4. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!**
- 5. *Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Internet of Things (IoT) Scholarship. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.***

BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Preference will be given to students who can demonstrate an interest in IoT, or have been involved in engineering, science, and/or technology activities at school and/or in the community, and/or who have taken related technical courses.
- Must be a resident of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Livingston, Marshall, or Lee counties.
- Applicant may be a current high-school senior, a recent high-school graduate, or a graduate of a community college with a grade point average of at least 3.5.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting college or university (minimum of 12 credit hours) for the following academic year, with the intent to pursue a degree in engineering, science and/or technology. (Scholarship funds will be awarded by check, made payable to the college or university for deposit in the student's account upon receipt by the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation of a letter from the school, confirming the student's enrollment in the university.)
- Charitable, Compassionate
- Hardworking; High Moral Character
- Role Model to Underclassmen

ESSAY - Please include an essay of 1,000 words or less explaining your interest in The Internet of Things (IoT) with respect to engineering, science, or technology; your current career choice and your plans for employment and/or continued education upon completion of your college career. The quality of your essay will be heavily weighted in the final selection process. Please include whatever else you would like us to know about your interest in these fields.

Must include two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your ability and desire to become an entrepreneur upon graduation from college. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 7, 2025.

APPENDIX D: THE MAC-AERO SCHOLARSHIP FOR AERONAUTICS AND AVIATION

ONE \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.**
- 2. Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.**
- 3. Do not staple papers!**
- 4. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!**
- 5. Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Mac-Aero Scholarship. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.**

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- Must be pursuing a degree in Aviation or Aeronautics.**
- Must be enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting college or university (minimum of 12 credit hours) for the following academic year in the field of Aviation and/or Aeronautics.**
- Preference will be given to students who can demonstrate previous or current interest in Aviation and/or Aeronautic at school, in the community, and who have taken related technical courses.**
- Must be a resident of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Livingston, Marshall, or Lee counties**
- Applicant may be a current high-school senior, a recent high-school graduate, or a graduate of a community college.**
- Positive attitude**
- Encourages others; Charitable, Compassionate**
- Hardworking; High Moral Character**
- Role Model to Underclassmen**

ESSAY - Please include an essay of 1,000 words or less explaining your interest in Aviation and/or Aeronautics, your current career choice, and your plans for employment and/or continued education upon completion of your college career in the fields of Aviation or Aeronautics. Please tell us whatever else you would like us to know about your interest in these fields.

Must include two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your ability and desire to pursue a degree in aviation or aeronautics. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 7, 2025.

APPENDIX E: THE TANGLED ROOTS BEVERAGE COMPANY PIE IT FORWARD
SCHOLARSHIP FOR CAREER IN HOSPITALITY OR CULINARY ARTS FIELDS
ONE \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.*
- 2. Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.*
- 3. Do not staple papers!*
- 4. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!***
- 5. Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Pie It Forward Scholarship. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.*

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- A current high-school senior or home-schooled senior, or a student graduating from a community college who meets the following criteria:
- **Must be a resident of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Livingston, Marshall, or Lee counties**
- **Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.**
- **Applicant may be a current high-school senior, a recent high school graduate, or a graduate of a community college.**
- **Preference will be given to:**
 - A. A student who is interested in a career in Hospitality or Culinary Arts.
 - B. A student currently working in either industry.
 - C. A student who has experience in either Hospitality or Culinary Arts.
- **Has demonstrated the following attributes:**
 - **Positive attitude; encourages others**
 - **Charitable and compassionate**
 - **Hardworking**
 - **High moral character**
 - **Role model to underclassmen, if applicable**

ESSAY - Please include an essay addressing the following questions:

- A. **What sector of the Hospitality or Culinary Arts industry do you plan on entering?**
- B. **What skills or attributes make you a “good fit” for such a career?**
- C. **Is the customer always, right? Why or Why Not?**

Must include two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your ability and desire to pursue a degree in the culinary arts field. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 7, 2025.

**APPENDIX F: THE CHARLES H. BECKETT SCHOLARSHIP FOR CULINARY ARTS
MANAGEMENT**

**ONE \$2,500 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED*
TWO APPAREL AND SUPPLIES AWARDS MAY BE AVAILABLE***

Applicants with financial need as determined by Joliet Junior College will be given priority for these awards.

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.**
- 2. Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.**
- 3. Do not staple papers!**
- 4. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!**
- 5. Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Beckett Scholarship. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.**

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- Preference to residents of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall, Livingston, or Lee counties
 - Award may be granted to a recent high-school graduate; a high school graduate of a home-school environment; or having earned a GED within the past two years with a score of 750 or higher; a current Joliet Junior College student pursuing a Culinary Arts Management A.A.S degree with a grade point average of at least 3.0
 - Must be enrolled in Joliet Junior College, for the following academic year, pursuing an A.A.S. in Culinary Arts.
 - Scholarship funds will be awarded by check for deposit in the student's account upon receipt by the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation of a letter from Kendall College confirming the student's enrollment in the Culinary Arts Program.
 - Must be able to demonstrate the following characteristics:
 - High moral character
 - Charitable
 - Role model to underclassmen
 - Hard working; trustworthy
 - For high school age applicants, preference will be given to those who can demonstrate an interest in the Culinary Arts or have been involved in the cooking industry at school and/or in the community, and/or who have taken related culinary courses.
- 1. Please include an essay of 1,000 words or less explaining 1.) your financial need; (2) your interest in Culinary Arts and your plans for employment and/or continued education upon completion of your degree in Culinary Arts Management. The quality of your essay will be heavily weighted in the selection process.**
 - 2. Must include two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your ability and desire to pursue a degree in the culinary arts management field. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.**

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APPENDIX G: THE WOMEN INSPIRED NETWORK
SCHOLARSHIP
TWO \$3,000 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED

On behalf of the Women Inspired Network of the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation, we offer an annual scholarship to help young women pursue their dreams and goals through higher education. Tell us how you plan to inspire others as you become an inspired woman.

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

1. Complete all information in Part 1 and 2 of the scholarship application.
2. Please write an essay of no more than 1500 words using the guidelines listed below.
3. Attach two (2) letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Young Women Leaders Scholarship (Part 2). Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.
4. Do not staple papers!
5. **PLEASE ONLY WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE COVER PAGE.** Please do not write your name anywhere else on your application.

PART 2A - SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

Must be a resident of Bureau, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall or Putnam counties

Must be a current high school senior; a high school graduate; a home-schooled student who qualifies as a graduate. GPA of 3.0 or a recipient of a GED program with a final score of at least 175.

Must be enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting program (minimum of 12 credit hours) for the following academic year – or- enrolled in a certified training program in a skilled trade.

Must possess a commitment to further education; have a positive attitude; be encouraging to others; have a charitable mindset; be compassionate; hardworking; possess high moral character and serves as a role model in her community.

Preference will be given to individuals who have volunteered, worked or been actively involved in school and/or community activities.

PART 2B - ESSAY - Your essay is a critical part of your application and should be completed after careful thought using your best writing skills. **Title of your essay is WIN Scholarship Essay. Do not put your name on your essay.*

GUIDELINES for WIN Scholarship Application Essay

The content must address the following points:

- *Identify your purpose and how your purpose will serve a larger community.**
- *Discuss your background, individuality, interests and talents.**
- *Describe who (or what) has been a strong influence in your life and where you see yourself in 5 years upon completion of your degree.**

The format is:

- *Times New Roman, 12 point, 1 inch margins, double spaced, no more than 1500 words.**
- *Content must be clear and focused with clear thesis followed by organized development. Use of vocabulary, spelling and grammar demonstrate your strengths as a learner as well as your ability to communicate in writing.**

PART 2C - PROVIDE TWO (2) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ATTESTING TO YOUR WORTHINESS AS A RECIPIENT OF THE YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

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APPENDIX H: THE STEPHEN CHARLES VOGLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ELECTRONICS OR COMMUNICATIONS DEGREES AT ILLINOIS VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ONE \$1,220 SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.**
- 2. Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.**
- 3. Do not staple papers!**
- 4. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!**

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Livingston, Marshall, or Lee counties**
- Applicants may be a current high-school senior; a recent high-school graduate, a home-schooled student with graduation status; or a student already enrolled at Illinois Valley Community College. Last GPA must be at least 3.0.**
- Must be pursuing an Associate degree at IVCC in Electronics or Communications**
- Preference will be given to students who can demonstrate previous or current interest in Electronics and/or Communications at school, in the community, or who have taken related technical courses.**
- Positive attitude; charitable, compassionate, hardworking**
- High moral character and a role model to underclassmen**

ESSAY - Please include an essay of 1,000 words or less explaining, (1.) your interest in Electronics and/or Communications; (2.) the value and importance of electronic media; (3.) your current career goals; and (4.) your plans for employment and/or continued education upon completion of your Associate degree at IVCC. Please tell us whatever else you would like us to know about your interest in these fields.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Vogler Memorial Scholarship. One must be from an educator who has had learning experience with you in the past two years. Please ask the individuals who write the letters to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

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APPENDIX I: THE ROBERT J. MOORE AND ELLEN G. MOORE MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP FOR FIELDCREST HIGH SCHOOL and WENONA, ILLINOIS STUDENTS

PRIOR TO HIS DEATH, BOB MOORE COMMITTED A PORTION OF HIS ESTATE TO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING YOUTH IN WENONA WHO ARE IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PURSUE A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

THIS SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED – MORE THAN ONE MAY BE AWARDED

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

1. Please answer the essay question on a separate sheet of paper. Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.
2. Do not staple papers!
3. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!**
4. Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Moore Scholarship. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

Selection of the recipient is based on the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Wenona, Illinois.
- Must be a current high-school senior, a recent high-school graduate, or a graduate of a community college. Students with a GED score of 750 or higher and home-schooled graduates may apply.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting college or university (minimum of 12 credit hours) for the following academic year.
- Must be able to demonstrate financial need to attend a degree granting program
- Must have a positive attitude, be encouraging to others compassionate and hardworking
- Be of high moral character and a role model to underclassmen

ESSAY - Please include an essay of 1,500 words or less explaining (1.) why you want to attend college; (2.) why you are in need of financial assistance; (3.) how much you need; (4.) how you will finance the balance of your educational costs if you are awarded a Moore Scholarship; (5.) your current career choice, and your plans for employment and/or continued education upon completion of college. Please tell us whatever else you would like us to know about you.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Moore Scholarship. One letter must be from an educator at Fieldcrest High School or another educator who taught you in the past two years. Please ask individuals who write the letters to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

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APPENDIX J: THE MOLLY LENORA YACKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED EACH YEAR

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.*
- 2. Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.*
- 3. Do not staple papers!*
- 4. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!***
- 5. Attach two letters of recommendation addressing why you are a good candidate for the Molly Lenora Yacko Memorial Scholarship. Ask those who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.*

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- **Must be a resident of LaSalle County Illinois.**
- **Must be currently enrolled as a Junior or Senior in an accredited, degree-granting program (minimum of 12 credit hours) for the following academic year in the field of Mental Health or other related course of study, with the intent to return to Starved Rock Country to contribute to our community.**
- **Scholarship funds will be awarded by check, made payable to the university for deposit in the student's account upon receipt by the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation.**
- **Has demonstrated the following:**
 - Positive attitude; encouraging to others.**
 - Charitable; compassionate; hardworking**
 - High moral character; role model to underclassmen**
 - Patient with themselves and others**
- **Preference will be given to students who have been involved in school activities and/or have volunteered in various ways both at school and in the community.**
- **Essay Questions to be answered:**
 - 1. Why do you want to work in the mental health field?**
 - 2. What makes you a "good fit" for such a career?**
 - 3. What are your plans for employment and a dedicated career in mental health services?**

Must include two (2) letters of recommendation from educators or employers who can attest to your ability and desire to succeed in a mental health career. Please ask the individuals who write the letters to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

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APPENDIX K: THE STREATOR LEADING LADIES

MAXINE WARGO WORKING WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

ONE \$500 SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED. SCHOLARSHIP IS RENEWABLE.

The Maxine Wargo Working Women's Scholarship was established by the Streator Business and Professional Women, now known as the Streator Leading Ladies, to honor a driving force in the Streator community. Maxine Wargo was born and raised in Streator and became a multiple business owner in the Streator community. Her infectious spirit and positive attitude inspired others to get involved with the Streator community. Her work ethic and strong will to succeed made her an excellent role model for women entering or returning to the workforce. This Scholarship honors her legacy.

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. Please answer the essay question on a separate sheet of paper.*
- 2. Type APPENDIX K and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.*
- 3. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY.*
- 4. Do not staple papers.*

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- Must be female and a legal resident of LaSalle, Livingston, Bureau, Marshall, or Putnam counties.
- Must have a break in education for at least one year.
- Must be currently enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting program as of August 2024 as either a part-time or full-time student for the following academic year.
- May not currently be attending a secondary school.
- Must display leadership potential and a dedication towards community service.
- Attach two letters of recommendation. One letter should be professional and one personal about why you are a viable candidate for the Maxine Wargo Working Women's Scholarship. Ask those who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.
- Essay Question to be answered:

Describe your career goals and future objectives. Specifically show how you will reach your goals and the steps you feel are needed to achieve your objectives.

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APPENDIX L: THE ROBERT COTNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ONE \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO A STUDENT STUDYING ENGLISH LITERATURE OR FINE ARTS TO INCLUDE PAINTING, SCULPTURE, DRAWING, PHOTOGRAPHY, MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATRE.

Robert Cotner was a truly extraordinary man whose kindness, brilliance, compassion, and creativity inspired those fortunate enough to know him. Bob passed away on November 16, 2024. A scholar of remarkable depth, Bob dedicated his life to the pursuit of knowledge; his intellect unparalleled, and a shining beacon of curiosity and understanding that illuminated countless minds. Also, a poet of the heart, Bob's eloquent words and profound verses captured the beauty and complexity of life, leaving a body of work that will resonate for generations to come.

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

- 1. Please respond to the essay question on a separate sheet of paper.*
- 2. Type APPENDIX L and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.*
- 3. Do not staple papers!*
- 4. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!***
- 5. Attach two letters of recommendation from educators who can speak to your study of English literature or the performing arts. Please ask the individuals who write the letters for you to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.*

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Livingston, Marshall, or Lee counties
- Must be enrolled in an accredited, degree-granting college or university (minimum of 12 credit hours) for the following academic year.
- Minimum GPA preference is 3.0.
- Enrolled in the study of English Literature or Fine Arts which includes painting, sculpture, drawing, photography, music, dance, and theatre.
- Positive attitude; charitable, compassionate, hardworking
- High moral character and a role model to underclassmen

ESSAY TO SUBMIT - Please respond to the following request in 1500 words or less:

Describe your love of English literature or the arts. Provide examples of your work – copies of your written work; photocopies of paintings, sculptures, drawings; or videos of dance, music, or theatrical performances.

The Starved Rock Country Community Foundation Scholarship Evaluation Committee chooses the winner in April, and the recipient is notified within two (2) weeks.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 7, 2025.

APPENDIX M: THE DOLORES “DEE” HEFLEBOWER MEMORIAL
IVCC NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

ONE \$3,000 SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED.

This scholarship was created by John Heflebower of St. Helena, California, and Linda Gorr of Arlington Heights, Illinois to honor their older sister, Dee. Dee was the daughter of the late Anne Baker of Peru, Illinois, and the wife of former Peru Mayor Don Baker. The Scholarship will be awarded annually to an IVCC nursing student planning to work in oncology. Anne and Don Baker created the scholarship initially with the Illinois Valley Community Hospital Foundation. Don Baker died at age 87 in 2016 and Anne at age 99 in 2020. Dee died of ovarian cancer in 2000. John Heflebower said Dee was a great ‘big’ sister to him and Linda. “My sister was a sweet soul,” he said. “She was a teacher, artist, and devout Buddhist. She had a silly sense of humor which caused us to laugh often.”

PART 2 - PLEASE FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE:

5. *Please answer each appendix question on a separate sheet of paper.*
6. *Type the appendix letter and the name of the scholarship on the top of your page.*
7. *Do not staple papers!*
8. **PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ANYWHERE ON YOUR ESSAY!**

Selection of the recipient of the scholarship(s) is based on the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Livingston, Marshall, or Lee counties
- Applicants must be already enrolled in the Illinois Valley Community College Nursing Program, planning to become a Registered Nurse. Last GPA must be at least 3.0.
- Preference will be given to Nursing students planning to work in oncology or cancer care, and single parents.
- Positive attitude; charitable, compassionate, hardworking
- High moral character and a role model to underclassmen

ESSAY – Please respond to the following questions in your essay in 1500 words or less:

- Why have you chosen a career in nursing? Who are the individuals who inspired your decision?
- If applicable, please cite challenges you have faced and overcome as a single parent in the nursing program.
- If applicable, please cite financial challenges you encountered in gaining access to the IVCC nursing program.
- Please discuss the community causes and/or nonprofit organizations you have championed or contributed to.
- Please cite examples of your leadership ability in high school or college.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - Attach two letters of recommendation from educators or employers addressing why you are a good candidate for the Dolores “Dee” Heflebower Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Please ask the individuals who write the letters to only use your first name in the letter of recommendation.

The Starved Rock Country Community Foundation Scholarship Evaluation Committee chooses the winner in April, and the recipient is notified within two (2) weeks.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 7, 2025.