

GOLD STAR MISSION

SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL WITH AN ILLINOIS CONNECTION

The Gold Star Mission Scholarship supports Illinois students who demonstrate academic potential, service to others, and a commitment to their community.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS INCLUDE:

High School Seniors

Illinois high school seniors planning to continue their education.

College & University Students

Students currently enrolled in a college or university, including community colleges (undergraduate or graduate).

Trade & Technical Students

Students pursuing certificate programs, trade or technical education at an accredited Illinois institution.

Adult & Returning Learners

Adults beginning college, returning to complete a degree, or pursuing new educational and career opportunities.

COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- **Personal Cover Letter**
  Tell us about yourself, your educational/career goals, and what you hope to accomplish.
- **500-Word Essay**
  Share how you have helped—or would help—honor and preserve the memory of our Fallen Service Members. We want to hear your ideas and how you would contribute to Gold Star Mission's commitment to remembrance.
- **A completed scholarship application**
  Found at goldstarmission.org/Scholarship.php.
- **One (1) letter of recommendation**
  From a non-family member.
- **Transcripts**
  Upload your official or unofficial transcripts.
- **A letter of acceptance**
  From a college, university, trade or technical school.

Applicants are encouraged to include the OPTIONAL demographic questionnaire with their application, to help The Gold Star Mission assess the educational scholarship program. The OPTIONAL demographic questionnaire is not required.

APPLY TODAY

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT

goldstarmission.org/Scholarship.php

APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS **NOV. 1, 2026** AND CLOSES **FEB. 1, 2027!**

ALWAYS REMEMBER, NEVER FORGET!