

# CENTRALIA FOUNDATION

## Scholarship Application

Application Deadline – March 14, 2026

Return Signed Application & Transcripts to:

Centralia Foundation  
115 E 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

Your application can be sent by mail, submitted online, brought to the Foundation Office, or put in the Foundation Office mailbox by the door. The Foundation Office is located in the conference center at Centralia Recreation Complex.

# SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Grants are being offered through the Centralia Foundation to applicants from the greater Centralia area engaged in studies at post-secondary institutions. Grants will be made to students regardless of race, color, or creed who have officially been admitted to a college, university, seminary, community college or trade school. For most scholarships, preference is given to students with superior academic records, financial need, and must be enrolled full-time during the period of the award.

The Centralia Foundation will begin accepting submissions on 12/1/2025.

The scholarship application is available on the Centralia Foundation website at <https://centraliafoundation.com/scholarships/>

Check only the box of the scholarship you are applying for:  
If boxes are checked that do not pertain to your studies,  
the whole scholarship application will not be accepted.

If application is received after the deadline date, it will not be accepted.

## Release Statement – Signature Required

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements submitted are accurate and my own. I understand this application and all records gathered during the process are confidential and will not be disclosed to me. Access will be restricted to appropriate committee members. If I am selected as a recipient of this award, I give permission to release my name and/or photo to the news media.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This application must be **completed in its entirety** and submitted with a complete **transcript of academic records** to be considered.

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**CENTRALIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS  
2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR**

- \_\_\_\_ ROLLEN AND LECTA RAE ROBINSON FUND – preference is given to Sandoval and Odin High School graduates and needy students from Marion County Illinois.
- \_\_\_\_ MADGE E. RIECHMAN FUND – must be graduate of Centralia High School
- \_\_\_\_ LILLIAN MAY HARRIS FUND – must be graduate of Centralia High School
- \_\_\_\_ FRED & GRACE WHAM FUND – must be graduate of Centralia High School
- \_\_\_\_ FRED & GRACE WHAM NURSING FUND – must be graduate of Centralia High School pursuing a degree at Kaskaskia College as a Register Nurse
- \_\_\_\_ MARIAN RUTH BUDE FUND – must be graduate of Trinity Lutheran Elementary School in Centralia and Centralia High School or any Lutheran High School
- \_\_\_\_ PAUL AND JEAN ZIMMERMAN RAU FUND – must be graduate of centralia high school and majoring in business at Kaskaskia College
- \_\_\_\_ ELIZABETH EDWARDS EDUCATION FUND – must be graduate of Centralia High School, continuing studies as a full-time student in the field of education
- \_\_\_\_ ELIZABETH EDWARDS BUSINESS FUND – must be graduate of Centralia High School, continuing studies as a full-time student in the field of business
- \_\_\_\_ ELIZABETH EDWARDS MEDICAL FUND – must be a graduate of Centralia High School, continuing studies as a full-time student in the field of medicine
- \_\_\_\_ HAZEL BLEDSOE MEMORIAL FUND – graduate of Centralia High School, pursuing a degree in Education, with preference given to students pursuing a teaching degree in Family & Consumer Sciences
- \_\_\_\_ AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – must be a United States of America citizen, graduating high school senior or GED recipient and be a resident of Marion, Clinton, Jefferson, or Washington County. Preference is given to an honorably discharged veteran or descendant of such a veteran of the armed forces of the U.S.A.
- \_\_\_\_ ROBERT D. AND DONNA M. QUICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND – must be a graduate of either Centralia, Salem or Odin High School, or a student or graduate of Kaskaskia College
- \_\_\_\_ JERRY AND ROSEMARY WILSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND – must be graduate of Centralia High School and preference shall be given to students attending Kaskaskia College
- \_\_\_\_ J. CARL HALL BUSINESS FUND – must be a resident of the Centralia High School district and be pursuing a degree in business
- \_\_\_\_ J. CARL HALL MEDICAL FUND – must be a resident of the Centralia High School district and be pursuing a degree in the medical field, including, but not limited to LPN, RN, MD, etc.
- \_\_\_\_ EDWARD F. STEPHENS, JR., AND RUTH A. SCHWARTZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND – graduate from a high school in the greater Centralia area and a third-year medical student
- \_\_\_\_ JAMES P. & MARTHA MAULDING EGGERS FUND – must be a graduate of Centralia High School, pursuing a course of study in a ‘STEM’ (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subject area, or a course of study to become an educator in a ‘STEM’ area and working toward a degree
- \_\_\_\_ VAUGHN-GARDNER – must be a graduate of a Lutheran School in Marion County. Must be pursuing degree in non-sports related area. Full year tuition at Kaskaskia College

# APPLICATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIPS

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone H: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors or Awards:** (indicate whether community, high school, or university/college):

**Activities:** (indicate whether community, high school, or university/college):

**Your career or educational goals:**

What is your cumulative GPA? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your current academic status? (check below)

High School Senior  College Freshman  College Sophomore  College Junior  College Senior  Other

What college do you plan to attend for the 2026-2027 academic year? \_\_\_\_\_

From which High School did you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Year of high school graduation or GED \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated year of graduation w/bachelors \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's name, occupation & annual income** (must be completed by students if claimed as dependents on their parents income tax return.) (If student is selected as recipient, a copy of parents income tax return MAY be required to verify financial need.)

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Educational costs for full academic year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide all other financial assistance received (including scholarships) and any further information related to special needs or circumstances:**

Reminder: Attach Transcript!

*Only complete this page if you are applying for the  
American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Are you the descendant of an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States of America?     Yes     No

If yes, please provide the following information (if known):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Enlisted: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Discharged: \_\_\_\_\_

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**REFERENCES:**

List three (3) - Include Name, Relationship, Phone Number and Address

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street City State Zip

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