

# 2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Plainfield Chamber of Commerce is excited to offer the below scholarship opportunities to aid outstanding local candidates as they continue their growth and development. Along with scholarship resources, the Chamber offers many more opportunities for leaders to learn, network and give back to our community.

We invite you to see how the Chamber can be a part of your journey. Be sure to like and follow us on **Facebook @plainfieldchamberofcommerce** for fun opportunities to engage or visit the calendar of networking events at: **plainfield-in.com**



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Type	Applies To	Quantity Available	Payment Amount	Payment(s)	Frequency	Payment Total	Description
General Student	Student	3	\$1,000	4	1x/Year	<b>\$4,000</b>	Supports overall academic and community excellence
Trade / Industrial / Vocational	Student Or Adult	1	\$2,500	1	1x	<b>\$2,500</b>	Memorial scholarship in honor of legacy Chamber members to bolster leadership in business and community involvement
Back to School	Adult	1	\$2,500	1	1x	<b>\$2,500</b>	Empowers adults to return to higher education goals

## ELIGIBILITY

PLEASE READ BELOW PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS FORM TO VERIFY YOU ARE ELIGIBLE.

- Must be a student residing in *OR* an adult residing or working in the Town of Plainfield, Guilford Township or Liberty Township
- Students must be graduating seniors with all basic credits for college entrance and achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or better
- For multi-year funding, resubmit to the Chamber office: current enrollment at an accredited institution, cumulative GPA of 2.75/4.0 Must plan to attend an accredited or approved institution

## HOW TO APPLY

TO BE CONSIDERED, PLEASE READ BELOW AND ENSURE YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETED CORRECTLY PRIOR TO TIMELY SUBMISSION.

- **The deadline for completed Student application submissions to the guidance office of your school or to directly to the Chamber office for Adults is Friday, April 12, 2024.**
- **All applications must be typed, except the Guidance Counselor portion for students may be handwritten.**
- Student applicants: Provide a personal letter of recommendation from a school professional or other non-family member.
- Adult applicants: Provide a letter of professional reference from a non-family member.
- On a separate sheet of paper, please type a "Why Me" essay (one page or less) explaining why you are the best candidate for this award. Please indicate how your education fits within your professional growth plans.

## JUDGING

The judging will be based on the "Why Me" essay; financial need; participation in activities; academic performance (for enrolled students/recent graduates); community engagement; work history; recommendation/reference; and plans for attendance at an accredited institution.

## RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are requested to attend the MAY 21, 2024, Chamber Membership Meeting to accept the scholarship. The meeting is held from 11:30am – 1:00pm at the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center. Parents/guests are welcome. The actual scholarship is sent directly to the specified accredited institution.

All scholarships must be accepted initially in the next autumn semester or quarter after proof of enrollment is received by the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce unless an extension of time is granted for just cause at the discretion of the Scholarship Review Board.

In the event a selected recipient is unable to fulfill his/her enrollment obligations under this program, the award is forfeited and the judges from the Scholarship Review Board may reassess or waive the award.

## CONTACT

Please direct questions or drop off completed Adult applications to: Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, 206 W. Main St., Plainfield, IN 46168 (317) 839-3800, [chamber@plainfield-in.com](mailto:chamber@plainfield-in.com)

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLIED FOR [Check applicable box(es)]**

General Student	Trade / Industrial / Vocational	Back To School
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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Full Name:	Email:
Address:	Telephone Number:
Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) if student applicant:	
Name of High School:	
Which accredited college or vocational/technical school do you plan to attend? Have you been accepted?	
Have you determined your major course of study? If so, please include.	

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Percentage of college expenses to be paid by applicant:	Will the applicant work to fund his/her education? Full or Part-Time? Summer      While at college      Vacation/Breaks
What other scholarships or funding assistance do you anticipate, or have you applied for? Have any been awarded?	
Number of family members currently living in your household:	Number of family members attending college in Fall 2024?
Have you filed for FAFSA?	

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**ACTIVITIES: You may include an additional sheet of paper if necessary.**

**School:** Please list activities such as athletics, clubs, band, etc. and describe your participation.

Activity	Role/Leadership Position	Year(s) Involved	Awards
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**Community:** Please list your volunteer efforts within the community.

Organization	Project/Cause	Role	Year(s) Involved
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**Work:** Please list any work experience.

Employer	Position	Dates Employed
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPLICANT & PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

We have reviewed the responses provided in this application and find them to be true, complete, and accurate. I hereby consent that Plainfield Chamber of Commerce has permission to use my name, photograph or testimony for print purposes if selected for this award.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Applicant)*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Parent or Guardian if applicant is a high school student)*

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**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR for high school applicants:**

Please comment, confidentially, regarding the accuracy, integrity, and content of this application. We also ask that you confirm the student is in "good standing" with the school. No transcripts are accepted. The DEADLINE for all applications is April 12, 2024.

SAT Scores			ACT Composite Score	GPA	Class Rank
Critical Reading	Writing	Math		Scale:	Out of:

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Guidance Counselor)*

Please return to Applicant Name:  
For Plainfield Chamber of Commerce Scholarship – General Student or Trade/Industrial/Vocational Scholarship  
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**PERSONAL LETTER OF REFERENCE** (To be completed by a teacher, coach, community leader, etc.)

Please identify ways the applicant has demonstrated leadership skills, community involvement and his/her potential for success. This should be written on a separate sheet of paper and submitted with the application. Please include your name (printed and signed) along with your title and relationship to the applicant. *Letters written by family members will not be considered.*