



# Scholarships



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# SHS Scholarship Page

(Picture of a previous year for reference)



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### Helpful Links

**Application Form** → Link to the SHS Scholarship Application

**Scholarship Criteria** → Description of scholarships and requirements

**Instructions** → Please read!

**Additional Application Materials** → Need to be included along with the application for Kiwanis and Girls/Boys Soccer

**Local Scholarships** → Use their own application but most are still turned into Student Services on February 23<sup>rd</sup>

<https://www.spartan.org/schools/sparta-high-school/counseling/scholarships>



# Sparta High School Scholarship Application

- One application form used to apply for many different scholarships
- Available online on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>
- Due to the Student Services Office by 7:40am on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- You will create an application packet for each scholarship you apply for



# Sparta High School Scholarship Application

- ▶ What does it include?
  - ▶ Cover page with a scholarship list
  - ▶ Application form (pages 1-2)
  - ▶ Personal Statement (attach)
  - ▶ Letter of Recommendation (from a community member, family friend, or staff member—when prompted)
    - ▶ Give your letter writers 2-3 weeks notice
    - ▶ Do not wait until the last minute to ask
  - ▶ Transcript (if requested)

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

### Sparta High School Scholarship Application Checklist

**Make only one packet for these scholarships and check the boxes for the ones you're applying for:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	1 <sup>st</sup> Community Credit Union
<input type="checkbox"/>	<del>Barbershoppers</del>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<del>Character Lives??</del>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class of 1981*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class of 1983
<input type="checkbox"/>	Margo Degenhardt Wrestling
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anthony (Alex) <del>Gaunky</del> Memorial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim & Karen <del>Greeno</del> Memorial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Winona Haney
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dale & Phyllis <del>Harrie</del>
<input type="checkbox"/>	William M. Klein Memorial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Janet <del>Krotzman</del> Memorial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alexander L. Nichols
<input type="checkbox"/>	Karla <del>Ronke</del> Memorial Nursing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Darren <del>Schauf</del> Memorial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ann & Harold Schendel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta High School Alumni
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coach Red <del>Wermer</del> *
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Make one packet for each of these scholarships and check only one box per application packet:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Janelle Britton Memorial
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Jack Brown*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cataract Sportsmen Club*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class of 1939 & 1989*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class of 1940 Music*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class of 1978*
<input type="checkbox"/>	<del>Erv's</del> Fire Protection*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason D. Finstad*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Friends of Cataract
<input type="checkbox"/>	Singh Grewal*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kiwanis Club* (additional requirements posted on website)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Knights of Pythias *
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joel <del>Konze</del> "Best Day Ever"*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lady <del>Butterfest</del> *
<input type="checkbox"/>	George & Phyllis Lundy*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescott O. Piper*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta Boys Soccer Club*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta Education Association*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta Girls Soccer Club*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta Gridiron*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta Lions Club*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta Public Ed Foundation*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta Rod & Gun Club*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sparta Sparks Volleyball*
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark D. Wall Memorial*

\* = Letter of Recommendation required

**\*\*Separate local scholarship applications available online:** American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Post 100, Mabel E. ~~Dupee~~, Good Citizens, Oakdale Credit Union, Snowmobile Trails, Sparta Coop, Sparta FFA, Sparta Rotary, VFW Post 2112, Women's Golf Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Western Saddle Club

**Completed applications are due to the Student Services Office by 7:40am on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Applications turned in after that time will be marked late.**



## Sparta Scholarship Application



Name:

Address:

Phone:

Personal Email:

### High School Academic Information

ACT Composite Score (if applicable):

### Future Education Plans

School you plan on attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied? Yes  No

Have you been accepted? Yes  No

Area of study in college (If unsure, indicate "Undecided"):

Desired career upon college graduation:

Cumulative GPA (use 3 decimal points, do not round up):

Class Rank: # \_\_\_\_\_ of: \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Statement

Please attach this to the application and address the following in a typed, one-page (no longer), 12-point font essay. Completeness of ideas, sentence construction, spelling, and neatness are important. What would receiving a scholarship mean to you and why? What qualities and attributes do you have that make you a top candidate for a scholarship? You may also share any extenuating circumstances that may be an obstacle to your education (ex: family situations, personal situations, financial, health) but this is optional.

**Application Continued on Next Page**



**School Activities**

Activity	# years involved	Special awards, honors	Offices Held

**Community Involvement/Volunteer Experience**

Activity and description	# of hours	# years involved	Honors/Awards

**Work**

Employer	Position & job duties	Hours per week	Dates employed

**Please read the statements below and sign and date:**

- I verify that the information provided on this application is accurate and my original work.
- I acknowledge that I read and agree to the terms on the scholarship instruction page.
- I understand that failure to follow the instructions may result in an invalid application.
- I consent for the Sparta School District to verify my official GPA and class rank.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# Scholarship Criteria

(8-9 pages worth of scholarships and their criteria)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Community Credit Union

Open to a graduating senior who is a member in good standing at 1<sup>st</sup> CCU. Student must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and will be attending an accredited two or four-year college in the fall. **An additional essay on "How Can a Credit Union Help You Achieve Financial Well Being" is required.**

## American Legion Auxiliary (separate local scholarship application)

Open to a graduating senior who will be attending an accredited college, university, or technical school. Preference will be given to an applicant that is a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew of an American Legion, Sons of an American Legion, Auxiliary member, or attended Badger Girls' State or Badger Boys' State. **An additional essay is required expressing why the student believes he/she should receive the scholarship. Letter of recommendation required. This is *not* the same scholarship as the American Legion Post 100 Scholarship.**

## American Legion Post 100 Scholarship (separate local scholarship application)

Open to any graduating senior. **Please attach a letter about yourself and a reason for needing this scholarship. This is *not* the same scholarship as the American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship.**

## Barbershoppers Scholarship

Open to a graduating senior who will be attending an accredited post-secondary school. Preference will be given for student involvement in chorus or band.

## Janelle Britton Memorial Scholarship

Available to a graduating senior who is attending a 2 or 4-year college and majoring in the education field. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required. If able, please provide documentation of your education program enrollment from your college or university.

## Dr. Jack D. Brown Student Athlete Memorial Scholarship

Available to any senior who has earned at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA and been involved in athletics. Two scholarships will be awarded (one female, one male). Must be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution (includes one, two, or four-year degree) pursuing any health-related major. **Letter of recommendation required.**

## Cataract Sportsman Scholarship

Senior student must be pursuing an Associate or Bachelor Degree at an accredited two or four-year college/university. Preference will be given to students entering a field of study that relates to the environment, such as agriculture, biology, conservation, and other related fields. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required. **Letter of recommendation required.**



# Sparta Scholarship Application

- Read the instruction page (on scholarship site)
- Make sure that you are eligible for each scholarship → check criteria page
- Some scholarships have additional components (essay, letter of rec, transcript, etc.)
- Make sure to include your personal statement
- Sign the application form
- Deadline: **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:40am**



# More Local Scholarships

- ▶ Separate application required → these scholarships do NOT use the SHS application
  - ▶ Noted as “**Separate local scholarship application**” on criteria pages
  - ▶ These scholarships use their own application
  - ▶ Updated weekly on the Spartan webpage
- ▶ May need an essay and letters of recommendation along with their application
- ▶ Due dates vary by scholarship
- ▶ Many will also be due to Student Services by February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ▶ Check the listing often!



# National or College Scholarships

- ▶ National scholarships
  - ▶ Websites listed on school district website
  - ▶ Fastweb.com, scholarships.com, etc.
  - ▶ Make sure the site is reputable – never give out your personal information!
- ▶ College or University Scholarships
  - ▶ Available on their website through financial aid office or alumni relations office
  - ▶ Early due dates (apply now!)



# Transcript Request Process

## Parchment.com

- Transcripts
  - Request to be emailed to yourself
  - Print it from that email
  - **\*\*TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 20\*\***



# Tips for Receiving a Scholarship

- Apply for as many scholarships as you are eligible
- Follow the directions
- Make sure to turn it in at the correct place
- Meet the deadline
- If possible, type it
  - All applications will be compatible with Notability
- Proofread it. Have someone else proofread it.
- Get your letters of recommendation ahead of time (ask 2-3 weeks prior to deadline)
- **MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION(S) PACKET IS COMPLETE**
- **DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE**





# Other information...

- ▶ Some of the scholarships sound similar but are different and have different applications
  - ▶ *American Legion Auxiliary & American Legion Post 100* → Two different scholarships with different applications
- ▶ The “*Snowmobiles of Monroe County*” and “*Western Saddle Club*” applications need to be mailed to the providers
  - ▶ Address listed under the scholarship’s criteria
- ▶ The *VFW Post 2112* application requires a signature from your school counselor
- ▶ Make sure to include a personal statement when applying for scholarships that use the SHS application (prompt on first page)
- ▶ Use a staple to secure document, not a paperclip
- ▶ New this year: You must submit a checklist of every scholarship you are applying for, regardless of format (different from the cover page you’ll submit with your application packets)
- ▶ If you have questions....ASK





# Submitting Applications

- ▶ Completed & organized application packets are due to the Student Services Office by 7:40am on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - ▶ Can submit sooner if you get everything completed
- ▶ If you're going to be gone that day, applications need to be turned in early