



# Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Criteria and Application 2026

The Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will award graduating seniors of Buffalo High School/ISD #877 three scholarships in the amount of \$1,800 each. The selected recipient must meet the scholarship criteria and fully complete the application provided. The successful candidate, selected by the Chamber's scholarship committee, will be a stand-out among their peers of the outstanding characteristics the Chamber has determined for the scholarship recipient.

## Scholarship Amount

**\$1,800**

## Criteria

1. Be a graduating senior of Buffalo High School/ISD #877.
2. Be a student employee, or have a parent/guardian employed by a current (good-standing) Chamber member. To view a listing of all Chamber members see page 5 of this application or go to the Chamber's website at [www.BuffaloChamber.org](http://www.BuffaloChamber.org) and click on Buffalo Chamber then Chamber Business Directory.
3. Has applied or been accepted to a post high school education or training program (online accredited college program, career or business school, technical college, community college or four-year college).
4. Student must use the scholarship for continuing education.
5. Finalist must be able to meet the scholarship selection committee for a personal interview.

## Application

1. Neatly complete the application provided.
2. Provide detailed answers to essay questions on the application form. This should be typed on a separate sheet of paper and attached to the application.
3. Finalists in the application process will be contacted and invited to an interview with the scholarship committee the first week of May.

The PDF link was also emailed to all chamber members in the weekly Member Brief Bytes e-newsletter. A paper copy of the application can also be obtained from the Buffalo High School Counselor's Office or at the Chamber's office. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Neatness and organization of information counts!

## Deadline

The application and supporting materials are due by Friday, April 17, 2026. Completed materials can be returned to the Buffalo High School Counselor's Office.

## Award Presentation

Once the scholarship recipient has been selected, the successful candidate will be contacted by the Chamber President. Since the scholarship is funded by the Chamber's annual golf event, the recipient will also be invited to speak at the golf outing's at Wild Marsh Golf Course on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. The actual scholarship funds will be released after transcript is submitted from the first term or semester of the post-secondary school is completed.

## Scholarship Committee

The Chamber Scholarship Committee will consist of Chamber members who do not have an employee's child submitting an application for consideration. The committee will review the application and conduct interviews with the selected finalists. The committee members reserve the right of judgment concerning the selection process and the granting of the scholarship award.

Please remove or print and retain this cover sheet.  
Keep a copy of this application and all supporting materials for your own records.



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Applicant Information		Please print neatly or type.
Name		
Address		City, State, Zip Code
Phone	Alternate Phone	Email
Date of Birth		High School Graduation Date
Parent(s) or Guardian(s)		Relationship
Address (if different from applicant)		City, State, Zip Code
Phone (if different from applicant)	Alt. Phone (if different from applicant)	Email
Chamber Member Business Name		Occupation

Applicant Signature	
<p>I understand that this application must be completed in full by the due date in order to be considered. I certify that the information that I have listed is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide, if requested, any other data necessary to verify such information. I authorize Buffalo High School to release to the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee, any information requested by such person pertinent to this award (i.e. high school transcript, enrollment status, current address, academic grades achieved, etc.). I affirm that any funds obtained, as a result of this application, will be used solely for the expenses related to attendance at a post-secondary institution.</p>	
Applicant Signature	Date
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature	Date
Buffalo High School Counselor Signature	Date
To be completed by Buffalo High School Counselor Student Rank: _____ Class Size: _____ GPA: _____	

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If you have questions about the scholarship or application,  
please call the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce at 763-682-4902.



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## Post-Secondary Information

Name of career or business school; technical, community or four-year college		
Have you applied for admission? <div style="text-align: center;">Yes      No</div>	If no, when do you plan to apply?	If yes, have you been accepted? <div style="text-align: center;">Yes      No</div>
Intended Vocation/Major of Study:		
What is your career plan/goal?		
Do your plans include returning to Buffalo, Hanover, or Montrose?	If not, where do you plan to look for work after college?	

## Work Experience

Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Beginning with the most recent, please list all jobs, including seasonal/summer, over the past three years.			
Job/Title	Employer	Type of Work	Dates Employed

## Community Service/Volunteering

Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Activities in the Community (Completed During Grades 9-12)	Date/Year of Service



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## Student Activities/Athletics

Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Activities/Athletics in School (Completed During Grades 9-12)	Date/Year of Participation

## Honors, Awards

Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Honors, Awards Positions Held (During Grades 9-12)	Date/Year of Participation

## Leadership

Please use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Leadership Positions Held (During Grades 9-12)	Date/Year of Participation

## References

Please list two references who can speak to your character and ambitions. You must list one for each of the following requested, and the individual should not be related to you (aunt, uncle, grandparent, sibling).

Teacher or Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose School District Employee	Phone
Business or Community Resident in Buffalo, Hanover or Montrose	Phone

## Essay Questions

Please use a separate sheet of paper.

Please provide answers to the following essay questions with as much detail as possible. All three responses should fit on a total of two pages (single spaced, 11-12 point type).

1. Describe the single most important event that helped shape your life to make you the person you are today.
2. What does an ordinary ideal day look like for you five years from now, and what are you doing today to make that happen?
3. After graduation, how do you plan to give back to the community in which you will be living?



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## Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Membership

A & A Heating and Air	Buffalo Transmission & Auto Care Inc	Franklin Outdoor	Lunderby Photography, Inc.
A&W Restaurant	Buffalo United Methodist Church	Fresh Coat Painters of Buffalo	M & M Express Sales & Service Marco
Adam Wichmann Construction	Buffalo Wine & Spirits	Functional Industries, Inc.	Melanie Clement
Adjust to Health Chiropractic	Bullseye Property Mgmt/Realty	Functional Medicine Center of Minnesota	Meyer-Rohlin Land Services
Adobe Acrobat	Buselmeier Law Firm	Gather Kitchen	MidCountry Bank
Advanced Irrigation	Cash & Eddie's Dog Training	Glass Guys of Minnesota	MidCountry Insurance
Affordabox	Cenex Lake Region Co-op	GrandStay Delano	Midland Nursery
Allina Health Buffalo Hospital	CenterPoint Energy	Green Bookkeeping, LLC	Milestone Medicare LLC
All Elements Inc.	Central Land Title Guarantee	Grey Seal Services	Milestone Radio LLC
American Family Ins-Chapman	Central MN Mental Health Ctr	Grindstone Construction Svs	Mill Creek Inn
Ameriprise Financial-Gagnon/Bigalke	Charlie's Appliance Repair Inc.	Halvorson Legal	Mini Biff
Anchor Realty	Church of St. Francis Xavier	Hanson Dental	Minnesota Youth Shotgun Assn
Anchor Recovery	City of Buffalo	Harvest Bank	Montrose Family Chiropractic
Andy's Plumbing LLC	CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen) LLP	Haven & Home Decor	Morrie's Buffalo Ford
Annie's Attic Antiques	Coborn's	Havenwood of Buffalo	Murphy & Co. Design, Inc.
Anytime Fitness	Coldwell Banker Realty	HealthSource of Buffalo	MY Cleaning LLC
Apothe-Cari LLC	Colonial Life – Janel Sherk	Hegle Door Sales, Inc	Natural Roots Salon
Apple Jack Orchards	Comfort Keepers	High Performance Coatings	Neil's Floor Covering
Artistic Me	Commercial Realty Solutions	Honey Mama Boutique	Nelson Masonic Lodge
Arvig Media	Community Dental Care	Hope Community	Next Level Seamless Gutters / Exteriors Inc.
Balancing the Books	Connection Pointe	Howling Moon Weddings & Events	Niemela Productions
Bankers Advertising	Copeland Buhl & Co. PLLP	HSI Manufacturing	Nicks Detail LLC
BANKWEST	Correll Plumbing & Heating, Inc.	Huikko's Bowling & Entertainment Center	North Star Pro Realty
Bed and Bone Too	CorTrust Bank	Hutch & Home	NT Woodworks, LLC
Bee Strong Blossoms	Country Inn & Suites by Radisson	Illuminate Marketing Agency & The Crow River Market	OB Services, LLC
Berger Financial - Charles Schwab	Countryside Diesel, LLC	Initiative Foundation	Old National Bank
Best Western + Chelsea Hotel	Creative Staffing Solutions, Inc.	InMotion Chiropractic	Olson Chiropractic Centers
BGM Construction, Inc	Crossroads Veterinary Clinic / Animal Shelter	Inspire Advisors	On Stage School of Dance
BHM Schools	Cub Foods	Insurance Brokers of MN, Inc. Mark Robinson Agency	Optimal Function Physical Therapy and Wellness
Big Bore Barbecue	Culligan	Insurance Center of Buffalo	Otto Associates Engineers & Land Surveyors
Biggs & Co.	Culver's of Buffalo	Insurance Lab	OutDo Work
Bison Backcourt Club	Custom Roasting, Inc.	IntegriPrint, Inc.	Parenting with Grace, Inc.
Biz-VoIP, INC	Dahlheimer Beverages	Izzy's Formals	Park View Senior Health & Living
Blake Benefits – Nicole Blake Agency	Dairy Queen	J & J Athletics	Paumen Computer Services
Bolton & Menk	Dan & Jerry's Greenhouses	Jeremiah Schmid Concepts	Pest Badger
Blake Benefits	Deb's Cleaning Service	Jiggin Jim's Fishing Service and Taxidermy	Pfeifer Property Management
Bridging Hope Counseling	Deer Lake Orchard	Jimmy John's	Pivotal Approach Counseling and Coaching
Budget Host Inn	Deerwood Bank	JMSC, PLLC	Play It Again Sports
Buff 'N' Glo Car Wash	Dental Care Associates	Johnson, Larson & Peterson	Precision Prints, Inc.
Buffalo American Legion	DGN Dirt Work and Utilities	JTB Home Furniture + Decor	Prime Advertising & Design
Buffalo Art Guild	DiOrio Business Group, RE/MAX Advantage Plus	Kay Nails and Spa	Radio-Active Mobile Electronics
Buffalo Arts Council	DOJO Karate	Kato Roofing	Rally Gear
Buffalo Books and Coffee	E & M Outdoor Services	Keller Williams Realty - Ellie Ortmann	Randy's Sanitation/Republic Services
Buffalo Championship Rodeo	Eclipse Digital Inc.	Keller Williams Realty Integrity NW- The Holthaus Group	Red Technologies
Buffalo Chiropractic Clinic	Edina Realty	Kid's Haven of Buffalo	Refine Pilates
Buffalo Collision Repair	Edlund Media	KJ Branding	Referred Restoration
Buffalo Community Orchestra	EDM, LLC	Kjellberg Carpet One	Renaissance Therapy and Consulting
Buffalo Community Theater	Edward Jones-Brandon Walters	Klatt True Value Hardware & True Value Rental	RE/MAX Advantage Plus – Nikki Popko
Buffalo Companion Animal Clinic	Edward Jones - Derek Larson	KRWC 1360/AM	River Inn of Hanover
Buffalo Dental Group	Edward Jones - Mark Rethman	La Catrina Restaurant & Bar	Rivers of Hope
Buffalo Dry Cleaners & Launderers, Inc.	Edward Jones - Rob Stark	Lake Ridge Senior Health & Living	Riverside Church
Buffalo Evangelical Free Church	Edward Jones - Steven Novacek	Lakeside Academy - MN Adult & Teen Challenge	RiverStone Financial Group & Insurance Services
Buffalo Eye Clinic, P.A.	360 Electric	Lakeview Landscapes, Inc.	Rockbridge Treatment & Recovery
Buffalo Family Dentistry	Elevate Accounting and Consulting	Larson Building Inc	Rockford Riverview Estates
Buffalo Floral	Endee LLC	Laumann's Outdoors	Roofers of MN
Buffalo Football Boosters	EP Brand Consulting	Lifestyle Optics	Rotary Club of Buffalo
Buffalo Getaways	Ernhart's Auto Center	Lil Explorers Childcare Center	Royal Print Group, Inc.
Buffalo Heights Golf Course	Evelyn's Wine Bar & Bistro	Lillians	RTA LLC
Buffalo Lions	Family Counseling Center	Loberg Electric, Inc.	Ruffin Inn
Buffalo Nickel Antique Mall	Farmers Insurance - Karna Kleven Agency	Love INC	Russell Security Resource, Inc.
Buffalo Orthodontics	Fireplace Creations, LLC		Santasha Healing Arts
Buffalo Pizza	Fitness Evolution		Schroepffel & Schroepffel Law
Buffalo Presbyterian Church	Flying Orange		Second Hand Rose
Buffalo Ridge Builders	Forge Fitness		
Buffalo Rock Winery	Forget Me Not Café		
Buffalo Storage			



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Sela Guter Connection  
Serenity Mental Health Services  
SERVPRO of Wright County  
Setterberg Jewelers  
SGA Group, Inc.  
Shelter Construction, LLC  
Sherwin Tax, PC  
Sign Man, Inc.  
Smith, Paulson, O'Donnell &  
Erickson  
SouthPoint Financial Credit  
Union  
Special Forces Paintball, LLC  
Splash for Andrew  
Squeaky Services  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
Stanford Hearing Aids  
State Farm Insurance/Mark  
Olson  
State Farm Insurance/Troy  
Crank  
Stellis Health  
STRIVE Therapy Services, Inc.  
Sunfish Dental  
T & M Towing & Snowplowing  
Tap Inn  
Terra Nova  
The Butchery of Maple Lake  
The Clinic for Medical  
Aesthetics  
The Costume Shoppe of Maple  
Lake  
The Glenn of Buffalo  
The PORCH in Buffalo  
The Rustic Arbor  
The Travel Gallery  
Thirsty Buffalo Saloon  
Thomes Bail Bonds Inc.  
Thomes Insurance Group  
Thrivent Financial-Eric Ebeling  
Timber Bay  
Title Mark, LLC  
Tri-Co Tree Movers  
Trueman Welters, Inc.  
Truline Contracting, LLC  
Tuff Shed  
Unboxed Productions  
United Faith Community  
Valvoline Instant Oil Change  
Vision Transportation Services  
Von Ruden Manufacturing, Inc.  
Walmart  
Water's Edge Dog Center  
West Suburban Auto  
What's the Scoop?  
Whirltronics, Inc.  
Wild Marsh Golf Course  
Willows Landing  
Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe  
Wrapped in Love  
Wray Automotive  
Wright County Collision  
Wright County Historical  
Society  
Wright County Journal-Press &  
The Drummer  
Wright County Wave Swim Club  
wRight Lumber & Millwork  
Wright Technical Center  
Wruck Sewer and Portable  
Rental  
Zion Lutheran Church