



2023 Scholarship Application

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that \$1,500 scholarships will be offered to four of our 2023 graduates from the communities of Cottage Grove, Newport and/or St. Paul Park.

Applications will be accepted till April 14, 2023. **Interested students should mail or deliver their completed application, one-page essay and transcript to: Education Committee, Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, 8617 W. Point Douglas Rd. Ste 150 Cottage Grove, MN 55016, or email to: Laurie@cottagegrovechamber.org**

Criteria

- ❖ Resident of Cottage Grove, Newport or St. Paul Park, or a Park High School graduate.
- ❖ The student must be pursuing post-secondary education at either a two-year or four-year educational or vocational institution in the summer or fall of 2023.
- ❖ Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Members should note that at least one scholarship may be awarded to a Chamber Member's student.

Selection Process

- ❖ Applications will be reviewed, and a decision will be made no later than April 28, 2023.
- ❖ Students will be selected based on:
 - the response to the essay question below;
 - participation and leadership in school and community activities and work experience;
 - personal circumstances relating to need; and
 - academic achievement.

Notification

- ❖ Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce will attend, where possible, award events to make a formal presentation.
- ❖ Once notified, students should submit their headshot to: Laurie@cottagegrovechamber.org.

Fill out the following and complete scholarship requests on the second page of this application.

Name _____ School _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone No. _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

ESSAY QUESTION (Response must be typed and be no more than 500 words in length, attached to this application and student transcript.)

- **Leading by example is an important quality in a person. Share a situation where you “led by example” in either your personal life or at a place of employment.**

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR THE APPLICATION:

- Please provide a brief description (in resume format) of:
 - your involvement in school activities;
 - any volunteer and work experience;
 - career and educational goals; and
 - your personal need for scholarship funds.
- Please provide a current transcript.
- Mark your calendar: Should you be selected for a scholarship; you will be asked to participate and be introduced to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber at the event that supports these scholarships each year. The Swing for Scholarships Golf Tournament for 2023 is scheduled for Monday, June 26, 2023, at River Oaks. You will be introduced at a celebratory event after the tournament.
- Is your parent a member of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce? ___Yes ___No
 - Name of Chamber Business _____

Fill out the application and send it along with your essay, resume and current high school transcripts, to:

COTTAGE GROVE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Education Scholarship
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