

Kiwanis

MISSOURI-ARKANSAS DISTRICT

EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 2026

An applicant must be applying for entrance to an accredited institution of higher learning, i.e., a Junior or Community College, Trade School, Police or Fire Academy, or University. Your application must be submitted to your local Kiwanis Club in the Missouri-Arkansas District of Kiwanis International. The local Kiwanis club will endorse and judge your application.

SCHOLARSHIP, documented by high school transcript, NEED, and VOLUNTEERISM are primary factors in determining these awards. Follow these instructions carefully so your application will receive due consideration:

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

- 1) **ACHIEVEMENT** (Maximum - 35 points)- Your Class Rank is converted to a percentile with 100% (top in class) receiving 35 points, 99% receiving 34 points, etc. A percentile less than 66% (below top 35% of class) receives 0 points. *Achievement is also evaluated using GPA point value so do not worry if your school does not use class Rank.* A non-weighted GPA of 4.0 earns 35 points, a GPA less than 3.0 earns 0 points. Weighted grades will be converted to a 4.0 scale. The higher score between class rank and GPA is used for evaluating an applicant's achievement.
- 2) **VOLUNTEERISM** (Maximum -15 points)-**SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SEPARATELY, ON AN 8 ½ BY 11 SHEET, & ATTACH IT TO YOUR APPLICATION.** Please list your involvement in extracurricular activities such as Leadership, Community Service, Class Offices, Church activities, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc., performed while maintaining superior grades. Be specific about what your volunteer activities involved, including the years in which you were involved. If you are a Key Club member or have attended Key Leader Camp, please list those activities here. Volunteerism will be judged subjectively, considering school and community service as well as the number of hours.
- 3) **HONORS** (Maximum-10 points) - **SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SEPARATELY, ON AN 8 ½ BY 11 SHEET, & ATTACH IT TO YOUR APPLICATION.** List honors you've received such as Merit Scholarship, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Citizenship awards, Band or Choir Awards, Awards in Sports, etc. It will be judged subjectively.
- 4) **EDUCATION PLANS** (Maximum - 10 points) -**SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION SEPARATELY, ON AN 8 ½ BY 11 SHEET & ATTACH IT TO YOUR APPLICATION.** Write a statement not to exceed one page in length of your educational plans and goals. Your description of your educational & professional plans, phrasing, spelling, and appearance will all be considered subjectively by the judges.
- 5) **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** (Maximum - 10 points)-**SUBMIT TWO LETTERS** from high school academic faculty members familiar with your academic performance and planned college studies. Letters must be on the school letterhead and must be signed by the faculty member and include his or her position or title. Each letter will earn 5 points.
- 6) **FINANCIAL NEED** (Maximum - 20 points PLUS) -On the application, list adjusted gross income of parent(s) from 2024 income tax return. 1 point will be deducted for each \$5,000 of adjusted income more than \$50,000. Also report the number of siblings in your family who will be attending college in the Fall of 2026. 1 point will be added for each sibling attending college.
Scholarship winners may be asked to submit a copy of IRS 1040 for 2024 to document income before a check will be issued.
- 7) **BONUS** (maximum - 10 points) - Applicants earn two (2) points for each year of **Key Club Membership** (maximum - 6 points) with an additional bonus of two (2) points each year the student served as a **Key Club Leader or Club Officer** (Maximum 4 points).

If the applicant's school did not have a Key Club or the applicant was not a member of a Key Club, one and one half (1.5) points can be added for each year the student assisted a Kiwanis Club with a program or project (maximum - 6 points).
Key Leader Camp participation is a Kiwanis Family Activity and participants are awarded 2 points.

Please submit your application, with the appropriate attachments to: Your local sponsoring Kiwanis Club (Information on bottom of the application) by **JANUARY 30, 2026.**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

The Earl Collins Foundation Scholarship Committee

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\$1,500.00 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

EARL COLLINS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MISSOURI ARKANSAS

DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

DUE BY JANUARY 30, 2026, TO SPONSORING KIWANIS CLUB

(Type or print all information)

Name Of Student _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing Address _____
(Street or Box Number)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____ Email _____

Name of High School _____

Age ____ Year Graduates ____ Rank (If available) ____ In Class of # ____ (If available)

College Attending _____ Major _____

How many of your siblings will be attending college in the Fall OF 2026? _____

Does your high school have a Key Club? ____ If yes, Number of years (0-4) you were a member ____

List any Key Club offices held _____

Name of Parents(s) or Guardian _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone# _____ Cell# _____ Email _____

Adjusted Gross Income of Parent(s) \$ _____
(Scholarship winners may be asked to submit a copy of IRS 1040, for 2024 before checks will be issued)

I certify that all information is true and correct _____
(Student Applicant)

PLEASE CHECK THAT YOU ARE SUBMITTING THESE ITEMS:

- ____ Completed Earl Collins Scholarship Application
- ____ Transcript Records from high school principal/counselor (ratio of applicant's class rank to class size if available)
- ____ Two letters of recommendation supporting the applicant from faculty members familiar with applicant's work & college plans.
- ____ Volunteerism & Leadership Activities (include Key Club, Key Leader & Kiwanis involvement)-**One 8 ½ x11 sheet listing activities**
- ____ Education Plans - **One 8 ½ x 11 sheet** with a statement of your educational plans and goals.
- ____ Honors - **One 8 ½ x11 sheet** listing honors you're received such as Merit, Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Citizenship awards, etc.

Kiwanis Division# 1

Application Due to (Kiwanis Club) Kiwanis Club of Hannibal

(Sponsoring Kiwanis Club)

Kiwanis Club President Aaron Lightle

(Printed Name)

Address PO Box 567 **City** Hannibal **State** MO **Zip** 63401