

Let's Start Talking Iowa Scholarship Application

Scholarship Purpose

Let's Start Talking Iowa is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in March of 2018 to promote, educate, and support suicide prevention, awareness, and mental health resources in the Cedar Valley area, and beyond. The Let's Start Talking Iowa scholarship will award \$500.00 to one currently enrolled college student to help fund their financial costs when attending a post-secondary school. The scholarship is meant to support and recognize a student who has positively impacted their community.

Eligibility

- Any current *undergraduate* student attending a college, university, vocational, or trade school in Iowa
- Has demonstrated exceptional leadership and community service
- Is a well-rounded individual, and involved both in academic and community activities

Value

A currently enrolled *undergraduate* student will be awarded \$500.00.

How to apply

To be considered a recipient of the #LetsStartTalking Scholarship, students must submit an application form, an essay explaining their volunteerism and leadership, and one letter of recommendation.

Instructions

- Please complete the form in its entirety
- Mail your application form, essay, and letter of recommendation to **1248 340th Avenue, New Vienna, Iowa 52065**

Deadline

February 3, 2025

2023-2024 #LetsStartTalking Scholarship Application

Candidates information

Personal Information

Last name	First Name
Gender	Date of Birth

Street Address

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City	State	Postal Code
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Telephone Number	Email Address
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Academic Information

Current secondary school	Graduation date	GPA
Major	Street Address	City
State	Postal Code	Telephone number

List and briefly describe any academic achievements and/or honors (e.g. academic awards, honor roll, etc.)
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Achievement	Date Received

List majors/careers you are considering after graduation and briefly explain why.
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Are there any personal circumstances you'd like to mention that may have affected your participation in volunteer and extracurricular activities at school and in the community?
 __Yes __No
 If yes, please explain:

School Activities
 Please describe your non-academic school involvement starting with the most recent (e.g. clubs, athletics, student government, arts, etc.)

Activity	Responsibilities	Position	Dates Involved

List any awards you have received for school extracurricular activities

Award	Date Received

Community Service and Volunteer Activities

Please describe your involvement in your community (i.e. outside of school) starting with the most recent experience

<u>Activity/Organization</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>Dates</u>

Employment Experience

Please describe any employment you have had. This can also include internships.

<u>Business/Organization</u>	<u>Responsibilities</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates</u>

Personal Statement

Please type your essay response to the below questions on a separate sheet of paper

_____ When did you start volunteering and why? How do you imagine continuing your leadership and community involvement as you continue as an enrolled student and in your adult life? Lastly, how will this scholarship help you achieve your future goals and what makes you the most deserving candidate. *Financial need will be taken into consideration, please indicate (if you choose) to what extent this ought to be considered. (Max. 3000 characters)