



CAHOKIA HEIGHTS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAHOKIA HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

2026 CUSD SENIORS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA

AGREEMENT & TERMS

The Cahokia Heights Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) 2026 CUSD Seniors Scholarship applications will be accepted until Friday, April 24th, 2026 (postmarked). The Chamber scholarship is for Cahokia Unit School District #187 High School graduating Seniors (CUSD).

Funds from the scholarship can only be used to offset the cost of the CUSD recipients' tuition, class/lab fees, or book expenses associated with the recipients higher-educational institution (hereafter "higher-ed"). Notice: Once the Chamber receives the higher-ed Students ID number, funds will be coordinated and paid to the recipient's higher-ed financial department handling your financial account. Funds will not be sent directly to any scholarship recipient. It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to coordinate communications between the Chamber Treasurer and their higher-ed financial counselor/department. The recipient is responsible for any/all taxes.

Term: Scholarships are good for one (1) year from the date indicated on the Scholarship Certificate. Unclaimed/expired scholarship funds will be recycled back into the Chamber Scholarship program and awarded the following year. No extension of this Term will be considered/given.

One (1) \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded.

Funds will be paid upon request from recipients higher-ed financial department.

The application must include the following:

1. A type-written essay/statement between 300-500 words explaining why you are applying for the scholarship. Essay/statement must include your goals, the school(s) selected, and community involvement, extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, etc.).
2. Applicant must submit a minimum of two (2) letters of recommendation. Recommendations shall include at least one from a staff member of your school and one from a community leader (religious/business/civic).

The application must also include the following documentation:

- A. Copy of the applicant's letter(s) of acceptance from or, your application(s) to, the selected accredited community/"junior" college, a four-year college/university or, a trade school.
- B. Applicants have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher (submit last report card).
- C. Applicants have an above average attendance record (submit attendance record).
- D. Applicants have an ACT/SAT score that is acceptable for entry into the higher-ed you plan to attend (Submit copy of ACT/SAT results).

Submit all questions to: "scholarship@cahokiaheightschamber.org". Submit PDF applications to this email.

Mail your completed application and supporting documentation to:

Cahokia Heights Chamber of Commerce
Attn: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
P.O. Box 1605
Cahokia Heights, IL 62206

Applications must be postmarked (email or USPS) by Tuesday, April 24th, 2026. You may digitally submit your application by PDF (portable document format) to the email address above. All documents must be combined into one PDF file. The Chamber is not responsible for incomplete, late, or rejected email.

Be accurate, timely, and complete! Incomplete submissions and/or submissions received after the date and conditions above will not be considered.

Applicant agrees to all the terms above by submission of an application.

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