

2019 Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application

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The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing a connection from classroom to career by developing tomorrow's leaders and investing in Bloomingdale's young people.

As a result of the generosity of its members and the community at large, and through the commitment of time, resources, and monetary donations, the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is able to offer two types of scholarships:

1. Bloomingdale Chamber Scholarships – Students graduating high school or currently enrolled in post-secondary school who are planning to continue their education on a full-time basis at an accredited post-secondary college, university, or vocational school in the United States are eligible to apply. Multiple scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 are available as one-time awards.
2. Bloomingdale Chamber Alumni Scholarships - Individuals enrolled full-time in a community college, four-year university, vocational school, or graduate program who have previously won a Bloomingdale Chamber Scholarship are eligible to apply. Two scholarships valued up to \$1,500 are available for this one-time award.

Applicants must be either:

- A member (or child of a member) of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce OR
- A current resident of Bloomingdale, or both

Scholarships are awarded based upon:

- Academic Merit (must have a 3.0 out of 4.0 GPA to be considered)
- Community Involvement, including volunteer or employment positions
- Leadership Roles/Recognition

A committee from the general membership of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce will evaluate applications based on the established criteria. Recommendations from this committee will be tabulated to determine the winners which will be announced in early May. Scholarships must be used within the first year of being awarded. The award check will be payable to the student upon verification of enrollment in the school.

Please submit a copy of your unofficial school transcripts to the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee via email or mail. Applications and supporting documents must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2019. The online application is below. If submitting a paper application, please write your full name on the cover page only. Paper applications can be mailed or delivered to: Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee, 104 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale IL 60108.

For further information, please contact the Chamber office at info@BloomingdaleChamber.com or 630-980-9082.

Personal Information

1. Please choose which application you are applying for:

Check all that apply.

- Bloomingdale Chamber Scholarship
- Bloomingdale Chamber Alumni Scholarship (limited to previous Chamber scholarship recipients)

2. Name

3. Address (city/state/zip code)

4. Telephone Number

5. Email Address

6. Parent/Guardian Name & Email Address (skip if applying for alumni scholarship)

7. Please check any that apply:

Check all that apply.

- I am a resident of Bloomingdale, IL
- I am a member, or child of a member, of the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce

8. If you checked the second box, please include the name of the chamber member business and their contact information

Academic Profile

Please submit a copy of your official school transcripts to the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee, 104 S. Bloomingdale Rd. Bloomingdale, IL 60108 or info@bloomingdalechamber.com

**9. What school are you currently attending?
(Please include the school name, address and dates of enrollment)**

10. **What university, college, or trade school do you plan to attend? (Please include the name, location, entrance date & major course of study)**

Extra Curricular Activities & Employment

11. **List any clubs or organizations in which you have been or are currently an active participant. Indicate the number of years of involvement as well as any leadership roles, special recognition, or specific contributions you have made. {Max. 150 words}**

12. **List any jobs or volunteer experiences you have had in the past, including type of work and dates. {Max. 150 words}**

Essay Questions

Please answer the following two questions in essay format. We strongly recommend that you write your responses to the following questions in a word document for editing purposes and then cut and paste your answers into this form so that you do not lose your work.

13. **Describe your plan for financing your post-secondary education including reference to other scholarships applied for or already received, rank in family (i.e. oldest of two children, second of five), or any other special circumstance the committee should be aware of regarding your situation. Alumni Scholarship applicants should comment on what receipt of the regular Chamber scholarship meant to them. {Max. 200 words}**

14. **Explain why this scholarship would be of particular importance to you. You may want to include: a description of your future plans and life goals, your reasons for pursuing your chosen career path, an explanation of how your goals may benefit your community in the future or why the scholarship committee should select you to receive the scholarship. {Max 500 words}**
