



Crystal Lake Service League Local Scholarships

Crystal Lake Service League Scholarships are non-renewable and include the following scholarship opportunities:

- Legacy Scholarship Honoring Distinguished SL Member *Karen Wallen*- \$10,000
- Multiple Service League Scholarships - from \$1,000 - \$5,000.

Scholarships are awarded based, first and foremost, on financial need but volunteerism, academic achievement and community service are also considered. Eligible students must be planning post secondary education and/or training. Students are eligible to apply if they reside in Crystal Lake (60014 or 60012 zip code) OR they attend a Crystal Lake School, which includes Crystal Lake Central High School, Crystal Lake South High School or Prairie Ridge High School.

The Legacy Scholarship recipient will be awarded to a high school Senior demonstrating academic achievement, a commitment to learning, leadership among peers, and dedication to community service. The Service League will award a scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 to a full-time first-year student entering their college or university in the Fall immediately following high school graduation.

The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's accredited university after graduation. The Legacy Scholarship will be paid over the first two semesters. Scholarship money may be applied to tuition, books and/or school fees - this varies by institution, so please check with your school of interest.

Service League has an electronic application via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeu9Y_uffTYPEh5Lf3joWBlo9GLGXVpMZIQNYRuxwVmaNx1EQ/viewform?usp=dialog. Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 13, 2026. Applications that do not include all of the requested items will not be considered. The electronic application requires the following documents be uploaded:

- One page personal essay (Choose 1 or 3 Topics):** 1. Describe a facet of your identity, background or story that is essential to who you are. 2. Tell us the best advice you've ever been given, who gave it to you and whether you followed the advice. 3. What can be your greatest contribution to the world, and how would this scholarship help you achieve it?
- One letter of recommendation**
- Transcript of academic achievement**
- FAFSA calculated SAI (Include Print out of SAI Score) and Family Adjusted Gross income total/range (most recent as reported to IRS)**
- Photo**
- Resume (Optional)**

If you have problems with the electronic application, please find a copy of the paper application noted below



2026 Scholarship Application

Legal Name (Last, First, Middle) _____

Nickname _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Student School E-mail _____

Student Personal Email _____

Phone (____) _____

High School: Cary Grove Central Marion Central Prairie Ridge South

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip) (if different than student)

Parent/Guardian E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian Phone (____) _____

Parent 2 Name _____

Parent 2 E-mail _____

Parent 2 Phone (____) _____

Intended 2-4 Year Institution Name:

Accepted YES NOT YET

Intended area of study:

ACT score _____

SAT score _____

Adjusted GPA _____ Unadjusted GPA _____

Filed & Submitted FAFSA – calculated Student Aid Index (SAI) _____

Are you receiving a Pell Grant ____ Yes ____ No ____ Unknown

Family's Adjusted Gross Income total (as reported to IRS):

____ \$0-\$20,000 ____ \$20,000-\$50,000 ____ \$50,000-\$75,000

____ \$75,000-\$100,000 ____ \$100,000-\$150,0000 ____ \$150,000+

Father's Occupation: _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Parent/Guardian's Highest Level of Education:

____ GED ____ High School ____ Some College ____ Bachelor's Degree ____ Master's Degree or Higher

Number of children in your family (excluding you): _____ Number of siblings currently in college: _____

Please list any additional scholarships, grants or gift aid you have received (this includes Pell Grant and/or MAP Grant):

Have you done any volunteer work or participated in activities in the community? Please indicate any leadership roles if applicable.

What extracurricular activities have you been involved in at school - including sports, clubs, honor societies, etc.? Please indicate any leadership roles or honors achieved in each if applicable (elected offices, awards, honors, etc.)

What are some of your hobbies, interests, or talents?

Please list your work activities, including any time spent caring for family members.

Because our scholarship is financially need-based, are there any extenuating circumstances that you would like to share, or hardships such as family illness or death, disability, or medical issues?

Please choose ONE of the following required prompts and complete a one-page essay:

1. Describe a facet of your identity, background or story that is essential to who you are. 2. Tell us the best advice you've ever been given, who gave it to you and whether you followed the advice. 3. What can be your greatest contribution to the world, and how would this scholarship help you achieve it?

Applicant consents to have their **NAME** YES NO and **PHOTO** YES NO taken and displayed on the Service League website and or social media accounts.

Applicant's Acknowledgment: I have completed this application and have provided the required supporting documents. I understand that an additional interview may be requested.

Applicant's Signature

Date