



Human Service Career College Scholarship Application

Due March 13, 2026

College Scholarship Program - *for individuals seeking a career in the human service field*

Sinnissippi Centers recognizes that the field of human services is challenging. We applaud your interest in seeking a career making a difference in the lives of others! Our College Scholarship Program, available exclusively to those who seek education in human services (social work, psychology, sociology or other human service specialties), recognizes and rewards high school seniors on the path to higher education with a \$1,000 scholarship to use towards a full-time or part-time course of study. Sinnissippi Centers will award up to four (4), \$1,000 scholarships in 2026. Complete program details including eligibility and requirements are below.

Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a 2026 graduating northwest Illinois area high school senior
- Plan to enroll, beginning the fall of 2026, in a full-time or part-time course of study at an accredited two-year or four-year university in Illinois with the declared major being one that falls within the human services field.

Requirements

Applicants must submit all of the following:

- Completed application
- High school transcript - minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 required
- Essay regarding “What A Career in Human Services Means to Me”
 - ~ Include name and address on essay
 - ~ Essay should be 500 words or less, double-spaced, and typed or printed
- Letter of recommendation from one (1) counselor, teacher or other school official

Process

Complete applications received on or before deadline will be considered by a panel of judges comprised of Sinnissippi Centers employees and management. Applications will be judged on academic achievement, letter of recommendation, and essay. Essay and letter of recommendation will be judged on spirit, content, and quality. Course selection and GPA will be the basis for academic achievement consideration.

Important Information

Please send completed application and corresponding materials to the address below postmarked no later than March 13, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. All decisions are final. Recipients will be notified via email by April 13, 2026.

Questions?

Please give us a call at 815-284-6611 and ask for the Administration Department. Thank you for your interest in a career in Human Services!

Internships

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to contact Sinnissippi Centers when it is time to apply for a required or optional internship.



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Applicant Information

Name: _____ Best Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How did you hear about the scholarship? _____

High School Information

High School Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Schools, clubs, community organizations, volunteer, and/or sports teams that you have participated in during high school.

If applicable, include copies of awards, certificates, and/or recognition that you have received as a result of your participation:

University/College/Vocational School Information

University, College or Vocational School you plan to attend. If possible, please attach acceptance letter(s):

Type of School:

_____ Four-Year University or College

_____ Two-Year Community or Junior College

_____ Other, please list: _____

Expected Major or Course of Study: _____

Degree or Certification Sought:

_____ Bachelor _____ Associate _____ Certificate _____ Other, please list: _____



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Application Checklist

Submit the following together and by the application deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

- _____ Student Application
- _____ Essay
- _____ Transcript
- _____ Letter of Recommendation

Deadline and Application Submission

The application, including all supplemental documentation, should be mailed or hand-delivered to the address below. Please submit everything in a single envelope. You may also choose to email your application to admin@sinnissippi.com. The application deadline is March 13, 2026. All complete applications received by the deadline will be considered.

Sinnissippi Centers-Admin
325 IL Route 2
Dixon, IL 61021

Certification

Sinnissippi Centers reserves the right to select the recipients of the scholarship program based on the criteria set forth in the scholarship program description. If selected as a recipient, the student will be expected to authorize release of name, essay information, and a parental consent form to utilize images and photos of recipients for publicity purposes.

Limits on Liability

Sinnissippi Centers is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, technical error, or human error which may occur in the processing of entries and submissions. Sinnissippi Centers assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, or alteration of entries. Sinnissippi Centers reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the scholarship, in whole or in part, at any time.

Scholarships

Selected scholarship recipients each will be awarded \$1,000. Scholarship funds are to be used solely for tuition, books and/or supplies for recipient's own college education. In order to receive the scholarship, recipients must plan to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year university or college in the fall semester following their high school graduation.

Conditions

Each recipient is subject to the following conditions: Recipient must sign all required legal documents provided by Sinnissippi Centers, verifying and guaranteeing the work submitted is an original, unpublished essay authored by said recipient. Any essay found to be, in any way, reproduced or copied from an existing work will immediately be disqualified.

I acknowledge that the information included in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____