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Sinnissippi Centers 2026 College Scholarship Program

Sinnissippi's Human Services College Scholarship Program available to area high school seniors

(Dixon, IL)

Sinnissippi Centers will once again offer up to four \$1,000.00 college scholarships for individuals seeking a career in the human services field. Information has been shared with high school counseling staff in Bureau, Carroll, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Whiteside Counties.

"Our College Scholarship Program is available exclusively to those who seek education in human services (social work, psychology, sociology, or other human services specialties)," says DeAnne White, Sinnissippi Centers' VP and Chief Administrative Officer. "It 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," adds White. Sinnissippi Centers will award up to four \$1,000 scholarships in 2026.

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

Candidates will need to submit: Their completed application; a high school transcript – with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 required; a written essay regarding "What A Career in Human Services Means to Me;" and a letter of recommendation from one school counselor, teacher, or other school official.

Completed applications received on or before the March 13, 2026, deadline will be considered by a panel comprised of Sinnissippi Centers employees and management. Applications will be assessed on academic achievement, a letter of recommendation, and an essay. The essay and letter of recommendation will be assessed on spirit, content, and quality. Course selection and GPA will be the basis for academic achievement consideration.

A downloadable application is available on Sinnissippi's website at www.sinnissippi.org/scholarships.

Funding for this scholarship program is provided, in part, by donations to Sinnissippi Centers.

For more information call Sinnissippi Centers at 815-284-6611 and ask for the Administration Department and mention the Human Services Scholarship Program.

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