



## THE ST. CHARLES EDUCATION FOUNDATION MERIT SCHOLARSHIP 2024

### General Information

The St. Charles Education Foundation was founded in 1992 to promote excellence in education through community awareness, involvement, and philanthropy. The Foundation accepts, solicits, and disburses contributions, gifts, and bequests from individuals, groups, or businesses to enhance educational opportunities offered students otherwise not available through regular funding resources.

The Foundation annually awards scholarships to one or more graduating seniors at each of the two high schools, St. Charles East and St. Charles North. The monetary value of each scholarship will be a minimum of \$1000.00. To qualify, seniors are expected to further their education at a 2-year or 4-year college or university, vocational school or post high school institution of higher learning. The scholarships are a one-time non-renewable award which will be granted based on overall merit. Higher grade point average will be used to determine a winner event of a tie. The scholarship applications are available at St. Charles North and East High School guidance office and at [St. Charles Education Foundation](#).

### Specific Requirements:

1. A grade point average of 3.0 or higher, to be supported by a copy of a transcript of grades. Please include a copy with the application.
2. Application to at least a two or four-year college or university, vocational school, or other post high school institution.
3. Completion of a formal, personally oriented essay of approximately 300 words on the following topic:  
**How have the high school experiences you have had helped you be prepared to grow toward being a responsible and caring citizen in the world beyond today?**  
Specific courses, teachers, individuals, extracurricular or work activities, or volunteer opportunities can be cited and explained.

4. Letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult.  
A teacher or administrator who knows you well or an adult outside of your respective high school. (Example: employer, civic, church or volunteer leader)
5. A list of activities both in school and out of the school environment, including honors received during the high school career.
6. Completed application MUST be mailed to the Foundation by **MARCH 22, 2024.**

### Review of Applications

The judging of all applications will be done by a committee of three individuals who have no eligible students at the high schools nor are voting members of the board of Directors or Friends of the Foundation. Applications will be presented to the judging committee without identifying information and therefore, decisions will be made “blindly.” The application will be judged on meeting the specific requirements as well as organization of ideas, sincerity, neatness, grammar, and spelling.

### Application Time Schedule

Applications available in Guidance Offices and on STCEF website	February 5, 2024
Applications postmarked to the Foundation	March 22, 2024
Announcement of scholarship winner	Senior Awards Night

### Award of Scholarships

The winner of each \$1000 scholarship will be announced at the Senior Awards Night at the respective high school. The scholarship money will be used to fund tuition, books, fees or living expenses while enrolled in the scholarship winner’s institution of higher learning. Funds will be transferred directly to the student only after proof of registration is supplied by the student.

Please mail this completed application form on or before the due date of **March 22, 2024.** (applications postmarked after March 22nd will not be accepted) to:

The St. Charles Education Foundation  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box #1366  
St. Charles, IL 60174

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In order to keep information completely confidential, and to allow for the selection committee members to review this application without bias, this information will be kept separately from the rest of your application file. The completed application is **due March 22, 2024.**

**Part I - Personal Information**

Please print legibly, using dark ink.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Name or Initial

Applicant's Student Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother/Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(or Guardian) (or Guardian)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please list those schools to which you have applied for admission:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part II - Essay**

This essay is a very important part of the application. Please answer the question in approximately 300 words:

- **How have the high school experiences you have had helped you be prepared to grow toward being a responsible and caring citizen in the world beyond today?**
- Specific courses, teachers, individuals, extra-curricular activities, or volunteer opportunities can be cited and explained.

Organization of your ideas, sincerity, neatness, grammar, and spelling will be taken into account. Please type or print the essay on this page or on attached pages to this application. Make sure to proofread the essay and application before submitting them for processing. Keep in mind that the application is due **MARCH 22, 2024.**

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**Part III - Activities**

You may print on this form, or using this same format, retype this form to identify the information requested below. Please list each activity you were involved in from grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (Sports, clubs, service projects, etc.)

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Your Participation \_\_\_\_\_

II. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (Church, volunteer services, etc.)

Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Your Participation \_\_\_\_\_

III. AWARDS AND HONORS

Award/Honor Received \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Description of Award \_\_\_\_\_

IV. WORK EXPERIENCE

Place of Work \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ Responsibilities of Job \_\_\_\_\_

V. PERSONAL INTERESTS

What course of study do you intend to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

What does winning this award mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part IV - Letter of Recommendation  
Adult Reference**

Reference on behalf of student applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Student)

By referencing adult: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of Reference)

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

The St. Charles Education Foundation's scholarships will be awarded to four graduating seniors, two from St. Charles East High School and two from St. Charles North High School. They must intend to continue their education beyond high school at a 2- or 4-year college or university, vocational or other post high school learning institution.

Please supply a confidential, sincere, candid and brief evaluation of the above student regarding ideas of his/her: scholastic activities, motivation, leadership, citizenship, initiative, creativity, concern for others, and degree of involvement in extracurricular activities, etc. Please state your relationship with this student and how long you have known her/him and in what capacity. **Please place the student's name at the top of your evaluation letter and avoid using the name in the body of the letter.** Return your completed reference letter with this form attached to:

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Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box #1366  
St. Charles, IL 60174

Deadline Date: ***March 22, 2024***

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**Part V - Transcript Request Form**

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FOR STUDENT USE

Applicant: Please include a copy of your transcript with your application form and essay.  
Please include your 7<sup>th</sup> Semester.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR OF GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature

DATE OF REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER: THE DEADLINE FOR RETURNING YOUR COMPLETED AND RETURNED  
APPLICATION IS:**

**MARCH 22, 2024**