

# 2026 XVMN Scholarship Program Guidelines – Seniors (Class of 2026)

## Eligibility & Application Requirements

Applicants must fulfill all the following criteria to be eligible for the Xyooj Vammeej of Minnesota (XVMN) Academic Scholarship.

### ✓ Eligibility

- Must be a member of the Xyooj Vammeej of Minnesota (XVMN) family currently residing in Minnesota.
- Will be graduating from high school in Spring 2026.
- Must plan to attend a four-year college or university in Fall 2026 (institution may be located outside Minnesota)
- Must have a minimum cumulative high school **GPA of 3.0** on a 4.0 scale.

### 📄 Required Submission Materials

- Application on the XVMN Scholarship site ([2026 XVMN Scholarship](#))
- Essay (maximum 600 words; upload as an attachment through the application form)
- An official high school transcript
- A letter of acceptance from a four-year college or university
- List of Extracurricular Activities (e.g., honors classes, PSEO, sports, etc)

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## Essay Topic

Topic: Supporting Our Children's Education Journey

Please address the following points in your essay.

1. **Introduction** – Tell us about yourself.
2. **Extracurricular Activities** – Briefly describe your involvement in sports, clubs, volunteer work, jobs, or programs like PSEO and honor classes. Highlight how these experiences shaped your skills or goals.
3. **Educational/Career Goals** – Share your intended major or career path and explain why you chose it. Include what you hope to achieve in the future.
4. **Challenges and Support** – Describe the challenges you faced in school and the support or efforts from school staff and/or parents that helped you overcome them.
5. **Community Engagement** – What support do you believe XVMN and our families can offer to help other students succeed?
6. **Conclusion** – Why do you believe you are the best candidate for this scholarship?

## Timeline & Recognition

- Scholarship recipients will be announced at a later date (time and location: TBD).
- All application materials must be submitted by July 15, 2026, at 11:59 PM CST.  
**! Late submissions will not be accepted.**

## Service Requirement

- Scholarship recipients must complete a minimum of 8 volunteer hours at one or more XVMN-sponsored events within one year of receiving the award.

## Selection Process

A volunteer committee consisting of Xyooj Vammeej of Minnesota family members will review all applications and select recipients.

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## **Contact Information**

**For questions or more information, please reach out to the XVMN Education Committee:**

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