

# 2026 Cortland Lions Club Memorial Scholarship



“*WE SERVE*” is the motto of Lions Club International. These are very important words to Cortland Lions Club members. The Lions willingly give time and talent to our club activities, to our community and those promoting the objectives of the International Association of Lions Clubs. To serve our community, the Cortland Lions Club will be awarding a **\$500** scholarship this year. The scholarship is open to residents of Cortland, or any community member who attended Cortland Elementary School.

This year’s scholarship is funded by the annual Chuck Lanning ‘Ride for Literacy’ motorcycle run in memory of former Cortland resident, past Town Board member and longtime Cortland Lion Chuck Lanning.

We have established the following eligibility requirements for all applicants:

1. Applicants must be a Cortland resident or have attended Cortland Elementary School.
2. Applications **must be received by April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026** to be considered for the 2026/2027 school year.
3. Applications may be submitted to your school counseling office, emailed to the scholarship committee at [CortlandLions524@gmail.com](mailto:CortlandLions524@gmail.com) or mailed to **Cortland Lions Club, P.O. Box 177, Cortland, IL 60112**
4. The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors or adult learners enrolling in an accredited program to further their education.
5. Awardees must be accepted to an accredited institution (college/university or vocational/trade/tech school).
6. Applicants shall have exhibited participation in community service and/or school activities.
7. If selected as a finalist, applicants may be invited for an interview with the Cortland Lions Club Scholarship Committee.
8. Upon receiving the scholarship, payment will be made to the applicant when the Cortland Lions Club is provided with proof of enrollment into the educational program.

Any questions about the application should be directed to your high school counselor and/or the Cortland Lions Club. Winners will be notified by telephone and/or email. The winners and their parents (if a minor) will be invited to the Cortland SummerFest in August for presentation of the scholarship.

**Cortland Lions Club Scholarship Committee**

[www.CortlandLions.com](http://www.CortlandLions.com)

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## I. Personal Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_

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



## II. Family Data: (at least one required if under 18 or a senior in high school)

Father \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (If different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## III. High School Record:

Name of High School Attended

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Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

College/Institute You Plan To Attend

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Accepted Yes  No  In Process

**IV. Education Goals:** Briefly describe your education goals and how they will benefit your career/future.

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**V. Activities & Honors:** List any school activities, including offices held, leadership positions, extra-curricular activities, clubs or organizations, scholastic honors or any other noteworthy activities.

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**VI. Community Interest & Activities:** List any volunteer work, service organization participation, church activities, etc.

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**VII. References:** Attach one (1) *LETTER OF REFERENCE* addressed to the Scholarship Committee. This can be from a coach, religious leader, instructor, employer, community member or other individual with knowledge of your activities and achievements. The reference letter should *not* be from a member of your immediate family.

**VIII. Personal Statement:** The Lions motto is “We Serve”. Provide a *ONE- PAGE STATEMENT* that describes example(s) of your participation in acts of service to your family, school and/or community.

I state that my application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Cortland Lions Club may verify any of this information with the appropriate entity if needed.

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The members of the Cortland Lions Club thank you for applying and wish you the best on your future endeavors!**