



## 2026 Minooka Lions Club Scholarship Application



Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. Due to this commitment, the Minooka Lions club has created a scholarship for the students who previously graduated from Minooka High School.

**SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW** The Minooka Lions Club Scholarship was established in 2007, targeting graduating seniors who show potential of succeeding in furthering their education and who exhibit a commitment to serve others. With the help of local donors, we have expanded this offering to college students who graduated from Minooka Community High School. 5 local college students will receive a \$2000 scholarship to help defray the cost of their higher education expenses.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

A Selection and Review Committee will use the following criteria to make their selections:

- Student must be a graduate of Minooka Community High School.
- Student must be accepted to and attend a public or private college, university, or technical college.
- Student must have a 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Student must ATTACH the most recent semester transcript.
- Student must be willing to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours during the Minooka Summerfest.
- Essay component, requirements, page 3.
- Applicant must show evidence of active participation in school and community activities/service volunteering.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

The application must be filled out completely, providing the requested information. Incomplete/inaccurate applications will not be considered. Submit completed application to [RThompson0216@gmail.com](mailto:RThompson0216@gmail.com) via Microsoft PDF.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by the Minooka Lions Club through. The Lions Club Scholarship recipients will be recognized at a Lions Club Meeting, *date and time TBA*. Your attendance is required.

**SCORING RUBRIC:**

The rubric is based upon the following criteria with the maximum of 100 points: GPA = 30 points, School Extra-curricular activities = 10 points, Community Volunteer Hours = 30 points, Minooka Lions Club Volunteer Hours = 30 points, Essay = 30 points.

\*\*\*\*FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.

MINOOKA LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM \*\*\*Application must be received by May 20, 2026, EMAILED to Renee Thompson at RThompson0216@gmail.com.

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_  
College, University or Technical School accepted by and attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and amount of any other scholarship(s) you expect to receive:

\_\_\_\_\_

Academic Achievements or Honors: \_\_\_\_\_

School Related extra-curricular activities/clubs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information on your involvement in community volunteer projects/programs and school related extracurricular activities and clubs, since graduation. State your role and duties in each. Include a contact person and phone number for each organization for this information to be verified.

Name of club/activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe your involvement (duties, responsibilities)

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TOTAL # of Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of club/activity 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe your involvement (duties, responsibilities)

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TOTAL # of Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of club/activity 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe your involvement (duties, responsibilities) \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL # of Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Community Volunteer  
Project/Organization/Program Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe your involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL # of Hours: \_\_\_\_\_ Community Volunteer  
Project/Organization/Program Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_ Describe your involvement: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL # of Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES OR PROJECTS ON A SEPARATE SHEET, IF NEEDED. Write and attach an essay describing what your future plans are, post- college. Please indicate whether you are a former Lions Club Scholarship recipient and if so, how did that award help you with college expenses, ways you feel we could increase our membership and community volunteerism, and what does being a Lion portray to you. Essay must be minimum of 150 words, typed, double-spaced, in a 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

Submitted via email to: Renee Thompson, RThompson0216@gmail.com in a Microsoft PDF format, by 4:00 P.M., on May 20th, 2026