

Tim Smith Memorial Scholarship

2026 Application Guidelines

Scholarship Awards

- Two scholarships of **\$750** each will be awarded.
- Additional scholarships may be awarded if funding allows.

Selection Criteria

Scholarships will be awarded based on:

- Character
- Financial need
- Community involvement

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a **graduating high school senior**.
- Plan to attend an **accredited junior college, college, or university** in the Fall of 2026.
- Have **participated in high school softball** at a school served by the **CISA**.
- Have **no activity code violations** during their high school career.

All information provided by applicants to be verified by CISA with the high school principal or guidance counselor.

Finalists **may be interviewed** by a scholarship committee consisting of at least three CISA members, if deemed necessary.

Application Dates:

- Application opens **February 24, 2026**
- Application Closes **April 16, 2026 at 10:00 pm**
- Scanned electronic copies of application materials are the preferred method of submitting your application

Required Application Materials

All materials should be submitted to the **CISA** via the Tim Smith Scholarship form below. If you have any issues with the application, please send email to cisa@cisa-peoria.org

1. Academic Transcript

- Transcript after the 7th semester of high school
- OR**
- 6th semester transcript **and** first-semester senior year report card

2. Standardized Test Scores

- Copy of SAT or ACT scores (if not included on the transcript)

3. College Acceptance Letter

- Copy of acceptance letter from the junior college, college, or university you plan to attend

4. Three Letters of Recommendation

Letters should address character, integrity, work ethic, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

- One letter from your **varsity high school softball coach**
- Two letters from **high school coaches, teachers, administrators, or other community leaders**

5. Typed Essay (Approximately 200 Words)

Explain:

- How participation in softball has helped you achieve your current goals
- How softball has prepared you for future goals
- How softball has influenced your personal development

6. Activities & Involvement List

Include:

- High school sports and activities
- Offices held
- Special awards or honors
- Community service
- Church involvement (if applicable)