

# Deanna Spencer Memorial Scholarship

## For Parkland College



The Deanna Spencer Memorial Scholarship, named in memory of a former Parkland College Alumni and State Farm employee, is open to current high school seniors that plan to pursue a degree by attending Parkland College upon graduation. There are no stipulations as to the field of study. All majors will be considered for this scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior of Clinton High School who has been accepted into a program at Parkland College upon graduation. The amount of the scholarship will be \$1,000.

The scholarship recipient will be the person who is deemed most qualified by the scholarship committee. Selection will be made from information provided on the application forms, an official transcript, an essay, recommendations, and an interview.

Each applicant must meet the following requirements:

- ☐ Be accepted into an undergraduate program at Parkland College for the upcoming school year
- ☐ Submit all portions of the attached application, including a 250-500 word essay
- ☐ Request and submit an official high school transcript
- ☐ Request and submit two (2) letters of recommendation, only one of which may be provided by a current or recent teacher or school employee, and **one provided by a contact outside of the school district. Do not use relatives or CCEF board members.**
- ☐ Complete an interview with the scholarship committee if selected as a finalist.
- ☐ Submit the completed application packet in a sealed manila envelope with your name and scholarship name to the Clinton Community Education Foundation, care of the Clinton High School Student Services Department, or mail directly to CCEF, PO Box 395, Clinton, IL 61727 by **Tuesday March 31, 2026.**

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It is the responsibility of the scholarship winner to verify enrollment in a college by submitting a class schedule or other documentation to the scholarship committee by August 1 of the year the scholarship is awarded. Scholarship payments will be made directly to the college/university at the beginning of the school year. The recipient must provide the proper address and account information necessary to facilitate these.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

**Applications MUST BE RETURNED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR MAILED TO CCEF BY Tuesday March 31, 2026.**

| Part 1: General Information                                                       |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Applicant's Name                                                                  |  |
| Parents' Names                                                                    |  |
| Student's Address                                                                 |  |
| Student's Telephone Number                                                        |  |
| Student's Email Address (DO NOT use your high school issued email)                |  |
| Grade Point Average                                                               |  |
| ACT or SAT Score                                                                  |  |
| Intended Course of Study beyond high school                                       |  |
| Names of institutions you have applied to for admission and have been accepted to |  |

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| Part 2: School Activities                                                                                                                                                              |                        |                                  |
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| List the extracurricular activities you have participated in while in high school. Indicate years of participation, offices or positions of leadership and any awards/honors received. |                        |                                  |
| Activity                                                                                                                                                                               | Years of Participation | Offices/Leadership/Awards/Honors |
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### Part 3: Community Activities

List the community activities (not directly connected with high school) in which you have participated. Indicate the organization, years of participation, description of participation or duties.

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| Part 4: Work Experience                                                                                     |          |                      |                                 |
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| Describe any employment or volunteer work experience you have had during school or during summer vacations. |          |                      |                                 |
| Job Title                                                                                                   | Employer | Dates<br>(from – to) | Brief Description of Job Duties |
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### **Part 5: Application Essay**

In an essay of approximately 250-500 words; describe your career goals, and/or people that have most influenced your decision to major in your field of study. Also, what are your long-term career goals and how do you plan to achieve them?

Please type on a separate page, double space and use a legible font 12 pt or larger. Include your essay with the rest of the application packet.

### **Part 6: Letters of Recommendation**

In your letter of recommendation, the writers should mention how long and under what circumstances they have known you. Please instruct the writers to submit the letter in a sealed envelope. Include the two letters of recommendation with the rest of the application packet. Remember, request and submit two (2) letters of recommendation, only one of which may be provided by a current or recent teacher or school employee, and **one provided by a contact outside of the school district** (a family friend, church leader, coach of non-school related activity, previous employer, etc.). **Do not use relatives or CCEF board members.**

### **Part 7: Interview**

You will be required to participate in an interview with the scholarship committee if selected as a finalist. The interview may be in person or a video conference. Details will be given if selected.

### **Part 8: Signature**

**Once you have completed all parts of the application, please sign and date below. Make sure to return the application packet to the Clinton High School Student Services Department by the deadline or mail directly to CCEF.**

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_