

2024 United In Service Scholarship

The Burlington/West Burlington Area United Way is proud to present the Inaugural United In Service Scholarship, a unique opportunity for High School Seniors who demonstrate exceptional commitment to community service. This scholarship aims to recognize and support the outstanding efforts of up to five individuals who have made a positive impact through volunteerism.

Scholarship Details

Sponsor: Burlington/West Burlington Area United Way

Number of Recipients: Up to 5

Award Range: \$500 - \$2,500

Application Deadline: January 31, 2024

Notification of Recipients: March 2024

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must reside in one of the following zip codes: 52630, 52641, 52642, 52649, 52601, 52623, 52637, 52638, 52640, 52645, 52646, 52650, 52655, 52660.
- Be a High School Graduating Senior (public, private, virtual, or homeschooled students).
 - Students who received their GED and are planning to attend college in the fall of 2024 are also welcome to apply.
- Be in good academic standing.
- Possess a valid state-issued ID Card
- *The United Way does not discriminate against its applicants based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.*

Applicants Must:

- Choose between three prompts for their application essay or video submission.
- For the essay option, submissions should be no longer than 2,000 words, double-spaced, 12pt – Times New Roman Font. All grammar and sentence structure will be considered.
- For the video option, submissions should be no longer than 5 minutes. Acceptable file formats are .mp4 or .avi sent via email attachments or on a USB drive. URLs to an uploaded YouTube submission will also be accepted.
- Complete Cover Page (below)
- Submit Two Letters of Recommendation.
- Provide Current High School Transcripts.

Prompts:

Applicants have the choice of three prompts for their essay or video submission. The prompts are designed to encourage thoughtful reflection on the impact of volunteerism. This allows candidates to share their unique perspectives and experiences.

Prompt 1: Innovative Approaches to Volunteerism:

Propose and discuss an innovative idea for volunteer programs that address specific community needs. Consider how technology, social media, or other contemporary tools can be leveraged to enhance the reach and impact of community service projects and volunteer efforts.

Prompt 2: The Role of Youth in Community Building:

Explore instances where young people have taken the lead in initiating and implementing community service projects. Discuss the impact of youth-led initiatives on addressing specific community needs and fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility among young volunteers. Provide examples from your own experiences.

Prompt 3: Volunteerism and Global Citizenship:

Reflect on the global implications of community service. How can local volunteer efforts contribute to global citizenship and a sense of interconnectedness among diverse communities? Share experiences from your own volunteer work that involved cross-cultural interactions.

Prominent Dates

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Community Volunteer Alliance Awards Reception: Saturday, April 13th

Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend this event where they will be recognized for their achievements. They will also have the opportunity to share their essay or video with the attendees, further inspiring a sense of community engagement.

The United In Service Scholarship is not just a financial reward but a celebration of the spirit of volunteerism in Southeast Iowa. We look forward to receiving applications from students who embody the values of service and community. Together, let's continue to build a stronger, more united community through the power of volunteerism.

Email completed cover letter, letters of recommendation, transcripts, essay and or video application to megan.brincks@burlingtoniaunitedway.org by 11:59pm CST on Wednesday, January 31, 2023.

Completed applications can also be mailed or dropped off in person to the Burlington/West Burlington Area United Way, 218 N 3rd St, Ste 217, Burlington, IA 52601.

Cover Page

Name: _____

Mailing
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Planned Major/Area of Study in College: _____

Please List Any High School Activities, Community Activities, or Volunteer Work you have done (any jobs held during high school also apply):
