**2025 United In Service Scholarship**

The United Way of Southeast Iowa is proud to present the 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:** United Way of Southeast Iowa

**Number of Recipients:** Up to 5

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

**Application Deadline:** February 28, 2025

**Notification of Recipients:** March 2025

**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, 52620, 52631, 52644, 52651, 52653, 52659.
* 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: The Power of Community Impact:

Reflect on a time when you engaged in community service or a volunteer project. Describe the experience, the challenges you faced, and the impact your efforts had on the community and yourself. How did this experience influence your views on leadership and civic responsibility?

Prompt 2: Creating Positive Change:

Describe a specific way you plan to use your education and skills to help people or give back to your community. What motivates you to pursue this path, and how do you hope your efforts will make the world a better place?

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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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@unitedwayseia.org by 11:59pm CST on February 28, 2025

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

**Cover Page**

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

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