

Elk Grove FALLEN SOLDIER Memorial Citizenship Scholarship

Information Page - 2026



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Overview:

This scholarship is based on the CHARACTER COUNTS!™ pillar of **Citizenship**. It honors four young citizens of Elk Grove Village who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation in the wars that followed the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation. The four soldiers are:

*James S. Cronin
Phillip E. Frank
John T. Olson
Adriana N. Salem*

The Fallen Soldier Memorial Scholarship is presented by a partnership of the Village of Elk Grove, The Friends of the Elk Grove Library, Shinnyo-en Temple and the Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove.

2026 Awards:

A total of 4 - \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. Each is a non-renewable scholarship. Scholarships can be awarded for acceptance into 4-year universities, Harper Promise program, and Technical/Career colleges.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be Elk Grove Village residents and must be beginning their college studies in the Fall Semester 2026.

Requirements:

Applicants must submit a completed application (attached) along with the following:

- Essay
- Official High School Transcript

Only complete applications with all required documentation will be considered.

Evaluation Criteria:

In order of importance:

- 1) Service in the community during the four years of your high school experience (accounts for 70% of scoring)
- 2) Citizenship Essay; and (accounts for 20% of scoring)
- 3) Academic achievement (accounts for 10% of scoring)

This is not an academic scholarship, nor is it a need-based scholarship. The primary evaluation criterion is Citizenship. The award committee will look at how applicants understand citizenship and how they have contributed to their school and community by displaying good citizenship.

Selection:

Selection will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove, Friends of the Elk Grove Library and Shinnyo-en Temple.

Deadline:

Application deadline is **5:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2026**. *Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.* Only complete applications will be accepted. If any section is missing or filled out incorrectly, the entire application will be rejected.

Submit Application To:

Submit one completed hard copy of the application form along with all required documents in a sealed envelope. Mail or hand-deliver the envelope to:

Village of Elk Grove Village
Attn: Fallen Soldier Memorial Scholarship
901 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Awarding of Scholarships:

The 2026 winners will be awarded at the Elk Grove Village Board of Trustees Meeting at the Elk Grove Municipal Building on **Tuesday evening May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**

For questions, please email Kitty Weiner at KittyWeiner10@gmail.com or call 312-806-9950.

Elk Grove Fallen Soldier Memorial Scholarship Application Form - 2026



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Deadline is Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

- Applicant Information -

Name _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 (Scholarship is open to Elk Grove Village residents only)

- High School Information -

School Name _____

School Website _____

Counselor's Name _____ Phone _____

Scheduled Graduation Date _____

- College/Vocational School Information -

School Name _____

City/State _____ School Website _____

Field of Study _____

- Student and Parent Signatures -

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

For Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove Use Only. *Do not* write in this box:

Application Number: _____ -26

Volunteering activities

Please list all of your volunteer activities. For the purpose of this application, a volunteer activity is considered an activity that was for the benefit of others that you received no compensation for. For each activity, please list how many total hours you participated. Please also give a short description of how you were specifically involved with the activity. Here is an example:

Served food at a food pantry	15 hours	I volunteered at a food pantry and helped make and serve meals for those in need.
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Leadership positions

Please list all of your leadership experiences. For the purpose of this application, a leadership position is defined as a role in which you led or organized other people, an event, or an organization. If there is overlap with other sections of the application, please focus on the specifics of your leadership here. For example, donating time at a food pantry would be a volunteer activity, but if you ran the group at the food pantry, that activity should also be listed in this section. Please list the specific leadership activity, the amount of hours spent on the activity, and a brief description of your role as a leader. Please see the example below:

Team leader of food pantry volunteers	15 hours	I organized a group of students to help once a month at the local food pantry. I was in charge of finding a date, organizing the team, dividing the roles, and making sure the kitchen was fully cleaned at the end of the day.
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Awards

Please list all awards and recognitions you have received. These may be academic awards, sports awards, volunteer awards, work awards, etc. If you feel that the name of the award needs further explanation, you may add a brief description (this is not required).

Jobs and Other Activities

Please list any jobs you have held or any other activities you have participated in that you do not feel fit in any of the other categories. As with prior sections, please name the job/activity, list the number of total hours you participated, and give a brief description of your participation.

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Citizenship Essay

Must be typed and a maximum of 500 words

The essay may be written about any aspect of being a good citizen. What does good citizenship look like to you? Use examples to illustrate your main idea(s).

This essay should not be a list of your activities. However, the committee would be interested to hear what you feel was the thing you did that made the biggest impact on your community.

AI generated essays will not be considered.