



2026 Eden Alumni Association Scholarship Qualifications and Guidelines

The Eden Alumni Association (EAA) is a Section 501(c)3, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting graduating seniors from the Eden Central School District (ECSD) in pursuit of their academic and skilled trade goals. The EAA, first organized in 1983, is the largest, continuing scholarship donor to ECSD students, having awarded over \$294,000.00 to 195 Eden graduates since its inception. The EAA strongly encourages Eden graduating seniors to apply within the categories given below. On behalf of our Board and our donating membership, we take pride in continuing to provide scholarship support in 2026, allocating up to \$14,000.00 this year, as follows.

4-YEAR AND 2-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS

For 2026, the EAA Board has approved funding to award scholarships at **\$2,000.00 each to five (5) ECSD Senior applicants**, following acceptance, toward their **4-year**, collegiate, degree program. Each scholarship is to be paid in two installments of \$1,000.00.

In addition, the EAA Board has approved funding to award scholarships at **\$1,000.00 each to two (2) ECSD Senior applicants**, following acceptance, to **2-year**, collegiate, degree programs. Each scholarship will be paid in two installments of \$500.00.

To receive scholarship award disbursements as described above, successful scholarship award applicants must submit proof of registration from the Registrar's Office of the appropriate institution, along with a print of the scholarship recipient's ECSD senior portrait.

The scholarship award disbursements must be used in the academic term immediately following graduation from ECSD. To receive the subsequent installment, the scholarship recipient must have completed two consecutive terms of college instruction, maintained a 3.0 GPA, and provide proof of registration to begin their sophomore year.

SKILLED TRADE APPLICANTS

Vocational / Technical / Trade School Training and/or Certification

To support our ECSD graduates in pursuit of a **skilled trade career**, the Board has approved funding for **two (2) scholarships at \$1,000.00 each to be awarded to ECSD Senior applicants** toward vocational / technical / trade school training and / or certification. The entire amount is payable the first year with proof of registration in the appropriate institution or program along with a print of the scholarship recipient's ECSD senior portrait.

Please visit the Eden Alumni website at www.edenalumni.org to download the applications. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONE APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY 4-YEAR AND 2-YEAR COLLEGE APPLICANTS AND A SEPARATE APPLICATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY SKILLED TRADE APPLICANTS.

All submissions must be **TYPED** and submitted to the Eden Central Guidance Office

Deadline for submission is **May 6, 2026**.

Scholarship applications will be scored and ranked by the Eden Alumni Association Scholarship Committee according to the information given on the candidate's application.

Any uncollected funds will be forfeited and placed in the Eden Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund if not claimed by December 15th of the first award year and December 15th of the second award year.

If you have any questions, please email us at edenalumni@gmail.com – we'll reply back to you as soon as we can.

Good Luck!
Your Eden Alumni Association

Eden Alumni Association Scholarship Application
2026 2-year and 4-year College/University Applicants

Which Institution do you plan to attend?

2 year _____ **OR 4 year** _____

Student's Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please answer the questions as thoroughly as possible to best reflect your qualifications and assist the Eden Alumni Association Scholarship Committee in evaluating and scoring your application.

List any academic honors and awards you have received. Include grade level and any offices held. (Example: National Honor Society, Educational competitions)

List any specialized training and/or classes taken at Eden Central School District (ECSD), outside of regular classes. (Example: Vocational, Advanced Placement)

List any athletic programs at ECSD in which you have participated. Include sport, grade level, number of years of participation, awards and any leadership roles held. (Example: Athletic Letters, Captain)

List any extra-curricular activities at ECSD have you participated in? *Include grade levels, the number of years of participation and any offices held.* (Example: Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Drama Club/Musical, Student Council, Model UN, FFA, Yearbook, Technology Club, National Honor Society, AFS, etc.)

List any hobbies or out of school activities (clubs, organizations, athletic programs) you participated in? *Include number of years of participation, awards received and any offices held.* (Example: president, secretary, treasurer)

List any Community Service or volunteer activities. *Include the name of organization, activity and duration.*

School you plan on attending and your anticipated major.

Describe your occupational goals after the completion of your education. Do you plan on returning to WNY? *Give entry level, five (5) year and ten (10) year goals.*

Positions held in gainful employment, periods of employment and average time employed each week: *(Grades 9-12)*

ESSAY OR PORTFOLIO

Write an essay addressing two (2) specific changes you would make to improve the educational system in your district, and two (2) programs, instructional strategies and/or other areas that your district does well.

If you are a 2 year college applicant: In lieu of an essay, we will also accept an example of your accomplishments while a student as a portfolio.

The focus of your portfolio should be your personal growth as well as any improvements you helped facilitate as a student enrolled in Eden Jr/Sr High School.

NOTE: Portfolio option is only if you are a 2-year school applicant.

The essay must be typed to be considered.