

# 2025-2026

## Sylvester Schunk Educational Scholarship

Deadline APRIL 15, 2025

### College Student Application

**Use this form if you HAVE completed at least one year of college.**

Sylvester Schunk wanted to help students with the cost of higher education. While the scholarship is open to any major, Sylvester's priority lies within the agricultural field.

Students will be able to apply each year they are in college. Keep in mind, if you are going to apply each year, you will need to stay active in **your local church** as church activity is evaluated annually.

The Sylvester Schunk Educational Scholarship committee will award scholarships to high school or college students enrolled at an institution of higher education.

#### **QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MUST:**

- 1 – Have a Sanborn or Springfield Address
- 2 – Be a full-time college student (Min. of 12 credits/semester and enrolled two semesters per year.)

#### **TIPS FOR COMPLETION:**

- 1 - **Follow directions!** Failure to do so may lead to reduction or disqualification of this scholarship.
- 2 – Allow people plenty of time to complete recommendation letters.

**Sylvester Schunk Educational Scholarship**  
**College Student Scholarship Application-**  
*Complete application as stated, if not it could be disqualified.*  
**Application deadline is April 15, 2025**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Year graduated from high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents or Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School you graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_

Your parents Adjusted Gross Income for 2024 (Include a photocopy of this page ONLY from their income tax form.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Projected cost of tuition and books (not room and board) for attending school for 2025-2026 school year

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of the school you will be attending:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of fall quarter or when your next session starts: \_\_\_\_\_

List the work experience you have had. Please use only these 3 lines, listing current work first:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What course of study do you plan to pursue in your post-secondary education? \_\_\_\_\_

Expected college graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other family members in college? If yes, how many and please list where they are attending:

\_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICATION**

2) \_\_\_\_\_ **ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER:** Write a one paragraph summary of your career plans; 100 words max. This is not to be a story but rather a short paragraph summary.

3) \_\_\_\_\_ **OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT:** A print out is fine; does not have to be official transcript but must include all completed & currently taking semesters

4) \_\_\_\_\_ **OBTAIN TWO REFERENCE LETTERS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ One from clergy; attached form must be completed by April 15, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_ One from a non-relative using a separate letter.

5) \_\_\_\_\_ **PHOTOCOPY OF ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME PAGE ONLY**

\*\*Please note: The scholarship committee WILL NOT make TELEPHONE CALLS asking for information which may be missed.

By accepting this scholarship, I state that it is my intention to complete the 2025-2026 school year (2 semesters) for which the application is being made and continue school until graduation. I understand, if awarded, this scholarship will be made payable to both the applicant and the specified college for the second semester of the school year.

I verify that this application has been completed by me, the applicant. Completion by anyone else could result in disqualification.

Signed by the applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by the parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

You may hand deliver or mail this application to the following address: post marked no later than April 15, 2025:

Sylvester Schunk Education Scholarship  
F & M Bank  
PO Box 126  
Springfield, MN 56087

It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Brooke at the F & M Bank to see if she has received both of your reference letters; allow 2 weeks for people to complete these.

Good Luck – a scholarship is a wonderful gift!

**Dear Pastor or Priest** (This should not be completed by choir directors or church board members unless it is cleared with scholarship committee): *Deadline is April 15, 2025*

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a Sylvester Schunk Educational Scholarship. Sylvester Schunk left a legacy providing financial assistance to his parish annually as well as to local students pursuing a higher education through a scholarship program. Sylvester saw the role of the church in our daily lives as extremely important and chose to have church involvement as part of the criteria for his scholarship program.

Please evaluate the applicant and verify their church participation. Space has been provided below for any additional reference. We will consider involvement in all aspects of the church. (The student should include a list of his/her church activities for the pastor or church associate to review. A list of dates of the events in which the student was involved in the activity can also be useful for the pastor or church associate.) The list is to be used as a tool for the pastor or church associate to complete this form and that list should not be mailed in with this form.

**\*\*No letter is necessary only this form is needed.** This form is for **College Students**.

**\*\*Please refer to the applicant's participation in their **Springfield or Sanborn church** during the past year and not what they did during high school.**

The student must have completed a minimum of **5 hours at the local church – not at a church where they attend college**. This form can be mailed to: Sylvester Schunk Educational Scholarship, PO Box 126, Springfield, MN 56087. If you wish to have this form e-mailed to you, please request this by sending an e-mail to [bkraz@fmbsspringfield.com](mailto:bkraz@fmbsspringfield.com).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Server                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher/Greeter                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reader                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Song Leader                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Performed Special Music      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help to decorate             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation bible schoolteacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute teacher           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helped with maintenance      | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Dinner                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yard Work                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Involvement in church groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Thrift store helper          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  |   |

**Additional Reference**

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Pastor or Church Associate Signature

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Date