

2025-2026

Sylvester Schunk Educational Scholarship

Deadline APRIL 15, 2025

High School Senior Application

Use this form if you will be graduating from high school and plan on attending 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 – Will be a full-time college student starting in the fall of 2025 (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 High School 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:

I understand that in accepting this scholarship, it is my intention to complete at least one year of school, the year in which the award is being used, and to continue school until graduation. Scholarship will be paid to the student and the school for the second semester of the school year. This scholarship is for full-time students.

A full time student has a minimum of 12 credits per semester with two semesters per year. It is also understood that I, the applicant have completed this application; completed 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 and post marked no later than April 15, 2025:

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

On a separate piece of paper:

Provide a summary in **one paragraph (100 words maximum)** of your career plans.

Include a list of your involvement in school and community organizations.

Two reference letters (other than relatives) using the **attached forms**.

One from a **member of the clergy**

and

the **second** reference should be from **your high school principal or counselor**.

RECAP on what is needed:

- this completed application (by the student)
- summary of your career plans
- a page listing involvement in school & community
- reference letter from clergy using the form in the application stating your completed hours
- form complete by high school principal or counselor
- photocopy of income tax page which shows adjusted gross income page only

It is the responsibility of the applicant to contact Brooke at the F & M Bank if she has received all of your reference letters (other reference - along with pastor or priest) - The scholarship committee WILL NOT make telephone calls asking for information which may be missed. This is the fairest way for all applicants along with building good responsibility. Good Luck – a scholarship is a wonderful gift! Questions can be directed to Brooke Kratz at the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

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This reference form should be from your **high school principal or counselor**, have **them complete** the attached form and they will return it to the committee. Make sure you complete your name below and allow them ample time to complete the form.

_____ is applying for a **Sylvester Schunk Educational Scholarship**.

Number of students in graduating class: _____

Applicants rank in class: _____ GPA: _____

Evaluate applicant (check all that apply)

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| _____ Positive role model | _____ Reaches own potential |
| _____ Good leader | _____ Hard worker |
| _____ Considerate of others | _____ Good Student |
| _____ Ability to stick with tasks | _____ Follows rules |
| _____ Positive class participation | _____ Punctual for class or meetings |

List anything else you would like to add:

Name of High School: _____

Signature of Principal or Counselor: _____

Return the form to:
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Springfield, MN 56087

FORM for HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Dear Pastor or Priest (*please this form should not be completed by choir directors or church board members*)

***Please read before writing a letter- no letter is needed – only this form.
Scholarship deadline is April 15, 2025***

Sylvester Schunk left a legacy. He chose to provide financial assistance to his parish annually and 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.

_____ is applying for a **Sylvester Schunk Educational Scholarship**. Please evaluate the applicant and check their involvement as appropriate. Space has been provided below for any additional reference. We will consider participation in **all aspects of the church**. The student may have enclosed a list of his/her **church activities** for your review. This list **should not** be mailed in with this form. For students who are in **high school seniors**, please refer to their church involvement during their high school years. 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 bkrazt@fmbsspringfield.com.

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

Additional Reference

Pastor or Church Associate Signature

Date

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Thank you