



THE AVON LAKE COMMON SCHOLARSHIP 2026

The scholarships listed below are sponsored by local community and school scholarship organizations. The Common Scholarship allows you to apply for any or all of these scholarships.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Friday, February 27, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

**NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE
DEADLINE DATE**

Directions for submitting the Common Scholarship Packet:

1. Review descriptions for each scholarship and identify those scholarships for which you are eligible. Place a check mark next to the number preceding the name of the scholarship for your reference.
2. Some committees have *additional requirements* specific to their scholarship. If applying for these scholarships, please be sure to review the additional information requested prior to submitting your Common Scholarship packet to ensure its completion.
3. Complete and return a Request for Unofficial Transcript form to the Guidance Office. **EVERY COMMON SCHOLARSHIP PACKET REQUIRES YOUR UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT. You are responsible for making additional copies.**
4. Complete the Avon Lake Common Scholarship Cover Sheet and staple to each of your scholarship packets. **(Do not use paper clips, envelopes or file folders.)**
5. Your completed packet will contain the following: Avon Lake Common Scholarship Cover Sheet; Résumé; Essay; Unofficial Transcript; letter or letters of Recommendation; and *Additional Requirements* (when requested).
6. Turn in COMPLETED packets to the ALHS Guidance Department no later than 3:00 p.m. on 2/27/2026.
7. Each organization will select their recipient(s). Notification of scholarship recipients will be announced on or before the Senior Scholarship Awards Night, being held on May 21, 2026.
8. Failure to follow directions exactly may cause your application to be discarded.

This is your guide. It does not need to be turned in with the application.

1. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake City Schools Foundation Culinary, Music, and Fine Arts Scholarship: One \$1,500 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a culinary, music, art, or theater career. Planning to attend an accredited Institute, School, Conservatory, or four-year university/college. Must be entering freshman year in the Fall as a full-time student. Required essay is an important part of the selection process. –*See Additional Requirements (Google Form submission)*
2. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake City Schools Foundations Special Education Scholarship: One \$1,500 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a career in special education. Planning to attend an accredited four-year university or college. Must be entering freshman year in the Fall as a full-time student. Required essay is an important part of the selection process. –*See Additional Requirements*
3. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake Early Childhood PTA: Applicant must be a current member of the Key Club. **“In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.”**
4. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake Education Association: Applicant must be seeking a major in an education field (ex- school psych, speech, OT or an educator). Need based. –*See Additional Requirements*
5. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake High School Choral Music Boosters: Must be a current member of Chorale. –*See Additional Requirements (Google Form submission)*
6. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake High School PTA Scholarship: No GPA minimum requirement; **“In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.”** –*See Additional Requirements*
7. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake Historical Society Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to any graduating Avon Lake resident planning to further their education in technical training, post-secondary vocational, an Associates Degree program, or a four-year college/university. –*See Additional Requirements*
8. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake Lacrosse Club Scholarship: Two non-renewable \$500 scholarships awarded to graduating high school seniors, 1 boy and 1 girl, from Avon Lake High School who participated in the Avon Lake Lacrosse Club (3rd-8th) for at least two seasons. (seasons do not need to be consecutive) –*See Additional Requirements*
9. **Scholarship:** Avon Lake Principal’s Award: There is no minimum GPA required for this scholarship. Essay is an important part of the selection process. –*See Additional Requirements*

- 10. Scholarship:** Avon Lake PTA Council Challenge Scholarship: Awarded to a graduating senior who has encountered and overcome a particular challenge or difficult circumstance. This unique challenge/hardship should be beyond the normal school experience. **“In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.”** –*See Additional Requirements (Google Form submission)*
- 11. Scholarship:** Avon Lake PTA Council Impact Scholarship: Awarded to a graduating senior attending a 2 or 4 year college with a NON-EDUCATION MAJOR. Applicants’ GPA range will be 3.0-3.5. **“In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.”** –*See Additional Requirements (Google Form submission)*
- 12. Scholarship:** Avon Lake PTA Council Vocational or Associate’s Degree Scholarship: Awarded to a graduating senior who plans to continue their education at an accredited 2 year college or vocational school. **“In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.”** –*See Additional Requirements (Google Form submission)*
- 13. Scholarship:** Avon Lake Shoremen/Shoregal Pride: Commitment to spirit and pride at Avon Lake High School. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 14. Scholarship:** Avon Lake Student Council Scholarship: Involvement in school activities, community service and **must be or have been a member of student council.**
- 15. Scholarship:** American Red Cross Scholarship: Student must have donated blood through the high school’s blood drive at least two times during their high school career.
- 16. Scholarship:** B.A.S.I.C. Cheerleading Scholarship: (Building Athletic, Strong, Individual Cheerleaders) Scholarships available for two senior girls, one from the Varsity Football Squad and one from the Varsity Basketball Squad. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 17. **NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR, WE DIDN’T HAVE ANY ENTRIES FOR THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY CONTEST. Scholarship:** David F. Schneider Avon-Avon Lake VFW Post 7035: One \$3,000 scholarship to be awarded. Graduating seniors **MUST** have completed in the Voice of Democracy Contest to qualify. *Applicant must also be a direct relative of a Veteran* (parent, grandparent, brother, or sister). Academic excellence required. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 18. Scholarship:** Eastview PTA Community Spirit Scholarship: Any student who attended Eastview Elementary for at least three full years, grades K-4. **“In order to qualify for this**

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- 19. Scholarship: Ford Motor Company Scholarship:** Four \$1,250 scholarships awarded to Avon Lake High School graduating seniors pursuing degrees at a four-year college or university in Engineering, specifically related to Automotive, Mechanical, Electrical, or Computer Science. Strong communication skills and leadership role in academic or community-based settings. –See *Additional Requirements*
- 20. Scholarship: Kiwanis Scholarship:** Separate application from the common scholarship. –See *Additional Requirements*
- 21. Scholarship: Learwood PTA Service Scholarship:** Any student who attended Learwood for both 7th and 8th grade. **“In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.”** –See *Additional Requirements*
- 22. Scholarship: Loretta Andro Clark Scholarship:** One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating female athlete who will further her education in an area that will better humanity.
- 23. Scholarship: North Coast Chamber of Commerce Charity Scholarship:** Separate application from the common scholarship. –See *Additional Requirements*
- 24. Scholarship: North Coast Rotary “Service Above Self” Bon Russell Memorial Scholarship:** The rotary Club of North Coast will award a \$1,000 scholarship to one graduating senior at the end of this school year. Applicants must be high school seniors eligible for graduation in May/June. –See *Additional Requirements*
- 25. Scholarship: RASA Art Scholarship:** One \$1000 scholarship awarded annually to a graduating senior pursuing a career in the fine arts who is planning to attend an accredited Institute, School, Conservatory or four-year university/college. Must be entering freshman year in the Fall as a full-time student. –See *Additional Requirements*
- 26. Scholarship: SADD:** One Scholarship awarded to a graduating Avon Lake High School senior that is attending a 4 year college in the fall. Student must have been an active member of SADD throughout their high school career and must have an active leadership role as a senior. Preference will be given to members that have attended events and actively volunteered.
- 27. Scholarship: The Athletic Boosters Scholarship:** The Avon Lake Athletic Boosters awards ten or more \$1,500 scholarships for graduating Avon Lake High School senior athletes. Selection will be based on final scores after all applications are reviewed and scored by the Avon Lake Boosters’ Scholarship Committee. –See *Additional Requirements*

- 28. Scholarship:** Troy PTA Scholarship for Future Educators: One \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from Avon Lake High School. Must have attended Troy Intermediate School for 5th and 6th grade, maintaining a B/C average in high school and pursuing a degree in education. **“In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.”**
- 29. Scholarship:** West Shore Masonic Scholarship: One \$1,000 scholarship.
- 30. Scholarship:** Westview PTA Andrew Marko Book Scholarship: Attended Westview Elementary School more than one year between grades 1 to 4. **“In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.”** –*See Additional Requirements*
- 31. Scholarship:** Yearbook Book Scholarship: Student must have been an active member of Yearbook for 4 years and participated all 4 years and shown great pride in Avon Lake High School. They must also have excellent academics the past 4 years and show they are involved with Yearbook throughout their high school years.
- 32. Memorial Scholarship:** Al Buckeye Memorial Scholarship Fund: Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Avon Lake High School graduating seniors who competed in Track and field and/or Cross Country for at least 2 seasons and have demonstrated good sportsmanship, perseverance, and strong moral character. Applicants must be committed to attending a four year college or university. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 33. Memorial Scholarship:** Dr. Jack Brill Memorial Scholarship: Academics, Athletics and Community Service.
- 34. Memorial Scholarship:** Gino Strippoli/Avon Lake Soccer Organization: Two \$1,000 scholarships (one for each gender) honoring the memory of the Youth Soccer Coach Gino Strippoli. Students must be graduating high school seniors who reside in Avon Lake, be accepted and enrolled in a college, university or technical school, and have played three years of high school soccer or four years in ALSO. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 35. Memorial Scholarship:** Harry Pfingsten Memorial Band Aid Scholarship: Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors that are enrolling in an accredited college or university, and have some form of music as part of their college experience. The graduating senior must have been a participant of the Avon Lake Band program for at least three high school years, with one being their senior year. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 36. Memorial Scholarship:** Jason K. Meiners Memorial Scholarship: One \$1,000 scholarship awarded to a graduating senior from Avon Lake High School. In memory of 1991 graduate Jason K. Meiners. –*See Additional Requirements*

- 37. Memorial Scholarship:** Marilyn Weems Memorial Rotary Scholarship: Student must have completed or are currently in French IV, IV Honors or AP with a GPA of 3.2 or higher in the language. Must also be entering freshman year of college in the Fall as a full-time student. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 38. Memorial Scholarship:** Martha Winnen Ferguson Memorial Scholarship in Nursing: Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior pursuing a career in Nursing. –*See Additional Requirements* (*Applications along with the other requirements to be uploaded/submitted via the website at <https://marthawinnenfergusonscholarship.com/>*)
- 39. Memorial Scholarship:** Paul Vasiloff Memorial Scholarship – Swimming and Diving: One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who has participated in the Avon Lake High School swimming program for a minimum of 2 seasons. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 40. Memorial Scholarship:** Redwood PTA Jimmy Smith Memorial Scholarship: One scholarship awarded to an Avon Lake High School student who attended Redwood Elementary at least 2 years. “In order to qualify for this scholarship, you (the student/applicant), a parent or a guardian, must be a member of the ALHS PTA by end of day (midnight) February 1. To become a member of the Avon Lake PTA, please go to: <https://alhspta.weebly.com/membership.html>, and click the option for the electronic membership form.” –*See Additional Requirements*
- 41. Memorial Scholarship:** Steve Giannoni Memorial Scholarship: Open to all Avon Lake High School Seniors. Members of the golf team will be given primary consideration.
- 42. Memorial Scholarship:** The Janet Dixon Memorial Scholarship: One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is committed to a career in the medical field. –*See Additional Requirements*
- 43. Memorial Scholarship:** The Walker Family Higher Education Scholarship: One \$1,000 scholarship awarded to an Avon Lake High School graduating senior planning to major in Education at an accredited four-year college or two-year junior college. Must be entering freshman year in the Fall as a full-time student.

For each scholarship you are applying to, your completed application packet will include the following:

- Avon Lake Common Scholarship Cover Sheet
- Résumé: Where applicable, follow the format provided on the attached sample (i.e. if you do not have any work experience, there is no need to include this section on your Résumé). Not to exceed 3 pages in length.
- Essay: Please include a typed personal statement of 500 words (or less) describing your plans upon graduation; why you've chosen your specific field (if undecided, why); and how a scholarship will help you attain your future dreams.
- Unofficial Transcript
- Two Letters of Recommendation
 1. Obtain one letter of recommendation in reference to your character from a responsible adult (not a relative) such as your employer, minister, Club Advisor, etc...
 2. Obtain one letter of recommendation from an educator or administrator.
- ***Additional Requirements*** (if requested)

**AVON LAKE COMMON SCHOLARSHIP
COVER SHEET**

SCHOLARSHIP NAME: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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

Address and telephone (if different):

I understand, if I am awarded this scholarship, that it is my intention to complete the requirements for a degree program. If awarded the scholarship, I will provide the scholarship organization with proof of registration, which is a copy of my quarter or semester schedule, from the college/university/school of my choice. If I fail to follow through with my designated educational goals, I understand that I must return the scholarship money to the awarding organization.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent(s) Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

First Name Last Name
Address
E-Mail Address
Telephone Number

FUTURE EDUCATION/MAJOR: Kent State University/Middle Childhood Education

Kent State University, Kent, OH (Applied and Accepted)
The Ohio State University, Mansfield, OH (Applied and Accepted)
The University of Akron, Akron, OH (Applied)
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH (Applied)

ACADEMIC HONORS:

Student of the Month: Mass Communications
High Honor Roll
Renaissance Recipient

LEADERSHIP ROLES:

President of SADD (9th Grade)
President of the Environmental Club (11th, 12th Grade)

COMMUNITY SERVICE/HIGH SCHOOL CAREER:

- **Soup Kitchen** (30 Hours): Served meals for the unemployed, underemployed, elderly, and lonely.
- **Community Resource Services** (8 Hours): “Bell Ringer” outside area businesses.
- **ALHS Band Aides** (40 Hours): Worked the concession stand at all home football games.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES/EXTRACURRICULAR:

Environmental Club: *President* Grades: 11, 12

- Advertised, organized and coordinated meetings with advisor. Held various events throughout the year (i.e. battery drive, bake sale)

SADD: *President* Grade 9 *Member* Grade 9 to Present

- Advertised, organized and coordinated meetings with advisor. Held various events throughout the year advertising healthy alternatives to destructive lifestyles (i.e. Buckle Up Campaign).

Principal’s Leadership Group: *Member* Grades: 9, 11, 12

- Met with the principal of the high school along with other presidents of ALHS school clubs to share ideas, events, etc. Main focus of the group is the annual Make-A-Wish campaign.

Student Council: *Member* Grades: 9 to Present

- Helped to register students for various events throughout the school (i.e. blood drive, elections, talent show)

Drama Club: *Member* Grades: 9 to Present

- Participated in the Spring Musical each year during my high school career. Participated in Fall Play my freshman and sophomore year. 100 Hours per Production.

Merples: *Member* Grade 12

- Elite group of 24 students who perform for various events both inside and outside of school.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

WAGNER'S COUNTRY PLACE: *Server (August 2009 thru Present)*

- Set, served, and cleared tables for various events.

BAY VILLAGE ANIMAL CLINIC: *Veterinarian Assistant (August 2010 to Present)*

- Assist veterinarian and office staff as needed.

HOBBIES:

- Voice Lessons, Acting (Huntington Playhouse, Woodstock Theatre, MGP), Harmony Camp, Conservatory Summer Intensive Music Camp/Baldwin Wallace

**KEEP YOUR RESUME TO NO LONGER THAN THREE PAGES
FOLLOW THE FORMAT OF THIS SAMPLE RESUME**