



Scholarship Information

The Adams Community Chamber of Commerce has established a \$250 scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year. Listed below are the eligibility requirements for this scholarship.

Requirements

- ▶ Be a graduating high school senior/resident of Adams County or a graduating senior from Southwest Valley High School
- ▶ Show combination of merit and community service
- ▶ Enrolled and accepted into a post high school field of study vocational or bachelor's degree program
- ▶ Complete application form including the Essay, minimum of 100 words and select from the topic list on application
- ▶ Applicants are encouraged to apply with a letter outlining why they think they would be a good candidate for the scholarship and may wish to highlight the areas considered for scholarship

There are four areas considered in the scholarship application with each area given a maximum of 25 points, for a total of up to 100 points considered for each applicant.

1. Plans for Future Education
2. High School Activities & Leadership in Activities
3. Citizenship & Leadership Involvement in the Adams Community/Chamber Activities (work experience may be included here)
4. Essay

Scholarship funds will be distributed to the award winner after the first semester of continued studies in an accredited program once at least 12 credit hours with a 2.0 GPA or higher are completed. The recipient must provide a copy of grades to the Chamber Office (710 Davis Avenue) by December 31, 2026. A check will be issued to the scholarship winner to be used as needed to support educational goals.

This application is due in the SWV High School Counselor by April 29, 2026.

Adams Community Chamber of Commerce

2025 – 2026 Scholarship Application

(Deadline for Submission is April 29, 2026)

Student Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Parent (s)/Guardian
Name/Address: _____

► List the accredited College/Vocational schools to which you have applied and/or been accepted to

Name: _____ Accepted ___ Y ___ N

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Intended Area of Study _____

Why this field of Study?

► High School Activities: Please list activities and indicate number of years of participation. Include leadership opportunities within the activities.

► Community Citizenship & Leadership involvement in the Adams Community/Chamber Activities (i.e. Chamber Banquet, roadside/Central Park clean-up, Flight Breakfast, Golf Tournament, Homecoming/Lighted Christmas Parade, Lazy Days, Battle of the BBQ, etc.) Work experience may be included here.

► Essay Question (minimum of 100 words) May attach additional page if needed. Select from one of these topics:

▪What do you appreciate about graduating from a small high school and how will it make a difference for your career choice?

▪What was unique about graduating from the least populated county in Iowa and how has it influenced your future?

▪As a young person, what would make you want to remain in or return to Adams County/or school district to live & pursue a career here?