

Attention Seniors:

Counselors will be meeting with senior students on **Thursday, February 13th** to discuss the larger local scholarship program. However, there is one group of scholarships with their own application, deadline and selection process. Please see information below for important information about that group of scholarships

Westonka District 277 Foundation Scholarships

Any senior student planning to attend a formal 2-year or 4-year college, trade or technical program next fall is eligible to apply for the Westonka District 277 Foundation Scholarships.

Scholarship application information:

- Application information and links to forms available on their [website](#). Read carefully, follow instructions and submit by the posted deadline.
- Application is submitted through JotForm - link provided on the website.
- **Application deadline is February 14th, 2025 at 5:00 PM.**
- A complete application includes:
 - Completed application form
 - 1-2 recommendations (deadline for recommendations is also February 14th)
 - Uploaded copy of 12th grade transcript through S1 (available on Skyward after Jan. 30)
 - Upload within the application form
- You will receive a confirmation email if/when your submission goes through successfully. However, you are also asked to do the following:
 - Applicants must email Info@Westonka277Foundation.org when they have submitted their application through the online system, (even if they received an auto-email saying it was submitted,) so we can confirm it has been received. The Foundation Scholarship Committee will then reply with an extra confirmation email.

Helpful tips and recommendations:

- Save the application often as you work through it to prevent unintended loss of information.
- Carefully read and follow the detailed guidance provided on the website and know that the deadlines are firm. Do not wait until the last week to try to submit.
- There is a downloadable google doc link on the website to allow you to brainstorm and pre draft your answers for easy transfer to the JotForm when you are ready.
- Plan to apply at least one week prior to the deadline to allow time for troubleshooting in case something goes wrong with submission.
- Although not required a 2nd recommendation is preferred
 - Request recommendations early to allow recommenders enough time to submit by the deadline.
 - Here are questions/prompts you can provide to your recommenders in your request to them.

- In what capacity and how long have you known this student?
- Describe her/his strengths and challenges based on your personal observations. How has she/he made a positive impact on the school and/or community? (200 words)
- Specify qualities of character and skill sets that you believe will carry her/him successfully into the future. (200 words)
- If you were to choose one aspect of this young adult that you and/or others around her/him admire most, what would that be? Why does this aspect of the applicant make her/him exceptional? (200 words)
- Is there anything else you would like to say about this young adult? (200 words)

-- From your MWHS School Counseling Department