

Elk Grove FALLEN SOLDIER Memorial Scholarship

Information Page - 2025



Overview:

This scholarship is based on the CHARACTER COUNTS!SM pillar of **Citizenship**. It honors four young citizens of Elk Grove Village who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our nation in the wars that followed the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation. The four soldiers are:

*James S. Cronin
Phillip E. Frank
John T. Olson
Adriana N. Salem*

The Fallen Soldier Memorial Scholarship is presented by a partnership of the Village of Elk Grove, The Friends of the Elk Grove Library, and the Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove.

2025 Awards:

Eight scholarships will be awarded. Each is a non-renewable \$1,000 scholarship to be used at a college or university, a junior college, or a trade or vocational school.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be **Elk Grove Village residents** and must be **graduating high school seniors** beginning their college studies in the Fall Semester 2025.

Requirements:

Applicants must submit a completed three-page application (attached) along with the following:

- ✓ Essay. (See Essay Guidelines on Page 3 of Application Form)
- ✓ One letter of reference from an employer or community member.
- ✓ One letter of reference from a teacher, school counselor, coach or principal.
- ✓ Official High School Transcript.

Only complete applications with all required documentation will be considered.

Evaluation Criteria:

In order of importance:

- 1) Service and leadership in the community;
- 2) Participation and leadership involvement in school activities;
- 3) Citizenship Essay; and
- 4) Academic achievement.

This is not an academic scholarship, nor is it a need-based scholarship. The primary evaluation criterion is Citizenship. The award committee will look at how applicants understand citizenship and how they have contributed to their school and community by displaying good citizenship.

Selection:

Selection will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the **Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove, Friends of the Elk Grove Library and Shinnyo-en Temple.**

Deadline:

5:00 pm on Monday, April 21, 2025. *Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.*

Submit Application To:

Submit one completed hard copy of the application form along with all required documents in a sealed envelope. Mail or hand-deliver the envelope to:

Village of Elk Grove Village
Attn: Fallen Soldier Memorial Scholarship
901 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Awarding of Scholarships:

The 2025 winners will be awarded at the Elk Grove Village Board of Trustees Meeting at the Elk Grove Municipal Building on **Tuesday evening May 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**

For questions, please email Kitty Weiner at KittyWeiner10@gmail.com or call 312-806-9950.

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Deadline is Monday, April 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

-Applicant Information-

Name _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007 (Scholarship is open to Elk Grove Village residents only)

-High School Information-

School Name _____

School Website _____

Counselor's Name _____ Phone _____

Scheduled Graduation Date _____

-College/Vocational School Information-

School Name _____

City/State _____ School Website _____

Field of Study _____

-Student and Parent Signatures-

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please note: This scholarship is not affiliated with the Elk Grove Youth Commission/Elk Grove Park District Scholarship Program. Applicants are encouraged to pursue that scholarship opportunity as well.

For Community Character Coalition of Elk Grove Use Only. *Do not* write in this box:

Date Received: _____ Application Number: _____-25

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List any Community Involvement. (This can involve volunteer activities, clubs and organizations, church work, etc.) Please mention any leadership roles or special accomplishments. Please indicate (within parentheses) the estimated number of hours expended in each area at the end of each row.

	FR	SO	JR	SR

Employment. (Provide the business name, supervisor's name, and your position)

	FR	SO	JR	SR

Citizenship Essay

250-500 words

Typed / Fit on One Page

Put your name on the reverse side of the page.

The essay may be written about **any aspect of being a good citizen**. What does good citizenship look like to you? Use examples to illustrate your main idea(s). You may use personal examples, but your essay should include content about citizenship and not just be a report of things you have done.