



## Alton Education Association 2025 - 2026 Scholarship Application

**Application Deadline:** Sunday, March 22, 2026

**Scholarship description:** The purpose of the Alton Education Association (AEA) scholarship shall be to recognize high school students pursuing post-secondary education opportunities. Recipients should display commitment to their community and academic endeavors.

**Applicant Eligibility:** The applicant must be a child of a current AEA union member. They must be a senior planning to attend a college, university or trade school. Additionally, applicants must exemplify commitment to their community and academic endeavors.

**Selection Criteria:** The AEA Scholarship Committee will select recipients with the highest overall application score as determined by the scoring rubric. Additionally, the committee will utilize staff references to distinguish between applicants with similar scores. The committee will award one \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships (three recipients total).

### **Application requirements:**

- Completed application (linked below)
- 2 adult references (no letters of recommendation needed). Reference options include the following:
  - A teacher or school staff member
  - A \*community leader
- Essay response
  - Essay response should be included on the application. The essay must be between 400 and 500 words.

### **Application Checklist**

*Prior to emailing your application, please use this checklist to ensure you have all the required elements of the application. Incomplete applications will not be scored and the applicant will be given no further consideration.*

Email completed application to **Sara Carter at [scarter@altonschools.org](mailto:scarter@altonschools.org)**

\_\_\_ The applicant is a high school senior graduating in the 2025 - 2026 school year

\_\_\_ The applicant plans to attend a college, university, or trade school

\_\_\_ The applicant is the child of a current Alton Education Association member

\_\_\_ The applicant has listed two adult references on their application (no letter of recommendation needed) \*A community member or leader can be a mentor, sponsor, coach, pastor, advisor, manager, or an organization leader.

\_\_\_ The applicant has completed the application with essay **Application link:** [AEA Scholarship](#)

**For questions, please email Sara Carter at [scarter@altonschools.org](mailto:scarter@altonschools.org)**