

Jason Eliasek Scholarship Application Guidelines

May 2026 Awards

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be a child, stepchild, or legal dependent of any current, dues paying SEA/SEEO member.
2. Scholarships will be awarded to full or part-time students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in the area of public service (*public education, physical therapy, social work, nursing, law enforcement, firefighting, EMTs, and library sciences*).
3. Applicant must be attending or planning to attend a two (2) year or four (4) year college or university.
4. A student may apply for a scholarship each year, but will receive only one award/scholarship per academic school year. A student must reapply each application year.
5. The scholarship money is to be used for the 2026 - 2027 academic year.
6. The Jason Eliasek Scholarship Fund Committee will award any scholarships once each year at the May SEA Representative Assembly Meeting. The money will be deposited into each recipient's student account at the college enrolled in for the 2026-27 school year.
7. Based on the number of applications received, it will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee to determine the number of qualified scholarships awarded each year. No more than three (3) \$800.00 scholarships will be awarded during each application year.
8. ALL APPLICATIONS BECOME PROPERTY OF THE JASON ELIASEK SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE. Materials submitted for consideration shall be kept for one (1) year. Scholarship recipients' materials will be kept for seven (7) years after which time the materials will be destroyed.
9. The Scholarship Committee, known as THE JASON ELIASEK SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE, shall be composed of SEA/SEEO dues paying members. Current or retired SEA members shall hold five (5) of the eight (8) positions that make up this committee. The Chair of the committee shall be a member of the Schaumburg Education Association Executive Board. The Chair shall not be a voting member of the committee.

10. The application, with all supporting documentation, must be postmarked by:
March 20, 2026.
No later than ten (10) days after the deadline date, each applicant will be sent a letter indicating his/her application has been received by the committee.
11. Only complete applications will be reviewed. *All supporting documentation must be included with the application. Absolutely no materials will be accepted after the postmark date indicated above.* The applicant is responsible for making sure all materials are enclosed.
12. Application forms must be typed. An interactive form can be found at:
www.sea54.org

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All applications must include the following supporting documentation:

1. Two (2) recent letters of recommendation from a non-relative (e.g. employer, an academic teacher, guidance counselor, clergy, academic advisor, volunteer coordinator, etc.). One (1) letter must come from an academic teacher.
2. An original typed (double-spaced) and signed essay, which answers the following question, "Why I chose to pursue a degree in public service?" (Maximum length: 300 words
Minimum length: 200 Words). The essay must indicate the applicant's intended career plans. Be specific!
3. All applicants are required to submit a copy of their most recent transcript. The transcript must be an official copy in a sealed envelope with the signature of the registrar on the back of the envelope.

Mail your completed application and all supporting documentation to:

Schaumburg Education Association
553 North Court Street, Suite 210
Palatine, Illinois 60067
Attention: Jason Eliasek Scholarship Fund Committee

Selection criteria will include the information requested under General Requirements, your transcripts, the two letters of recommendation, your written essay, as well as the consideration of the following items in no particular order:

Academic achievement
Community involvement
Leadership
Character
Extracurricular activities
Volunteer work

All documents must be postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2026.

Application for May 2026 Awards

Jason Eliasek Scholarship

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

(If address is different from parent, please list parent's address below)

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Phone ____/____ Email Address _____

Sex: M F Date of Birth _____
Month / Day / Year

Name of Parent/Guardian (SEA or SEEO Member) _____
(Please indicate area of Membership/SEA or SEEO)

Finances

Estimated tuition (only) cost: \$_____ yearly Do not include room and board costs.

Extracurricular Activities

Scholastic Achievement/Honors: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Community Involvement: _____

Work Experience

Please tell us about any work and/or volunteer experiences that you have had.

Current High School Students

Which high school are you currently attending? _____

When will you be graduating? _____
Month / Year

What college or university are you planning to attend? _____

When does the term begin? _____
Month / Year

Current College Students

Which high school did you attend? _____

When did you graduate? _____
Month / Year

What college or university are you currently attending? _____

What college or university will you be attending for the 2026-2027 school year? _____

What is your major? _____

When will you be graduating? _____
Month / Year

To the best of my knowledge, all of the above information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Application Checklist
(for student use only)

Have you:

- _____ Typed your application?
- _____ Included two recent letters of recommendation?
- _____ Signed your essay? Your essay should indicate your specific career goals.
- _____ Included an official copy of your most recent transcript (see page 2)? **The transcript must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the signature of the registrar on the back of the envelope.**
- _____ Provided a current email address? Notify Danni Koscielak at dkfoxunion@gmail.com or 847-346-8286 if your information changes.
- _____ Indicated in which organization your parent/guardian is a member – SEA or SEEO?
- _____ Had your parent/guardian sign your application?
- _____ Included all of the required paperwork with your application?
- _____ Mailed your envelope by Friday, March 20, 2026?

If you have any questions, please contact Danni Koscielak, Jason Eliasek Scholarship Chair, at dkfoxunion@gmail.com.