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DATE: March 31, 2026

DEAR HARWOOD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR,

The Harwood Heights Village Board is happy to announce that the village, in partnership with Republic Services has available 1 Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each based on the volume of collected recyclable items. The Scholarship's will be awarded to Harwood Heights residents who are Senior's in High School and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and have been accepted into a College or University.

A Scholarship Committee has been appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Trustees to review all applications and essays and will determine the recipients of the available scholarship funds.

The applicant must also submit with their application a 500 word essay on **“What Can Individual Families do to Contribute Toward Green Initiatives, Capitalize on Energy Saving Efforts and Increase Recycling?”**

The Scholarship Committee looks forward to the receipt of your application and essay by Friday, June 5, 2026 for scholarship consideration.

Cordially,

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Marcia L. Pollowy
Village Clerk
Scholarship Chairman

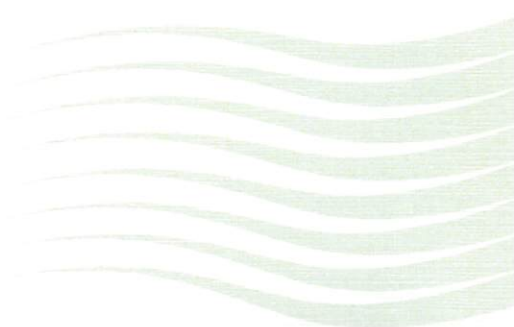
Enclosed: Scholarship Application

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2026 Village of Harwood Heights/Republic Services Scholarship

Green for School Scholarship Program

The Village of Harwood Heights and Republic Services desire to promote local recycling efforts and want to collaborate on a scholarship program as a way of encouraging greater recycling participation by the residents of Harwood Heights. Each January of the contract term the previous 12-month average of collectable recyclables shall be calculated and if the village exceeds the threshold level Republic Services will fund one \$500 scholarship to be awarded to a Harwood Heights resident who is a graduating high school senior.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must currently live in the Village of Harwood Heights, Illinois.
2. Applicants must be currently enrolled in any area high school.
3. Applicants must be a Senior, graduating the current school year.
4. Applicants must be in good standing within the community, having never been convicted of a felony.
5. Applicant cannot be the child of a current Elected Official, Employee or current Appointee of the Village of Harwood Heights and cannot be the child of a Republic Services employee.

Criteria for Judging

1. Applicant must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 GPA
2. Applicants must be enrolling in a community college, university/college, or post-secondary (technical or trade) degreed program for the first term following the student's graduation.
3. Applicant must submit a 500 word essay on **“What Can Individual Families do to Contribute Toward Green Initiatives, Capitalize on Energy Saving Efforts and Increase Recycling?”**

Timelines

1. Applications and Essays are due to the Scholarship Chair no later than Friday, June 5, 2026 by 4:00 pm.
2. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please mail applications and essays to: Scholarship Chair, Village of Harwood Heights, 7300 W. Wilson Ave., Harwood Heights, IL 60706.
3. Announcement of Winner at the July 23, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Application Process

1. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each application and essay to determine the scholarship recipient.

Award

1. The \$500 scholarship will be payable directly to the winner's identified college/university or post-secondary institution any time after July 31, 2026, and upon receipt of definite proof of enrollment. Proof of enrollment may include a statement from the office of the registrar with the seal of the school or a statement on school letterhead signed by a school official.
2. If you have not made a final decision about your post-secondary plans, you are still eligible to apply for the scholarship. You are required to notify the Harwood Heights Scholarship Chair once you have made your final decision.

VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS/REPUBLIC SERVICES

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name

Middle Name

First Name

GENDER

Male _____

Female _____

DATE OF BIRTH

MONTH _____

DAY _____

YEAR _____

2. CONTACTS

PERMANENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

WHAT IS YOUR CUMULATIVE GPA: _____ (ON A 4.0 SCALE)

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ACCEPTED TO _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

DATE CLASSES START: _____