



Inspire Kindness Scholarship 2026 Award Application Form

Due Date: March 31, 2026

DATE RECEIVED (OFFICE USE):

APPLICANT NUMBER (OFFICE USE):

BASIC INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	
STREET (HOME ADDRESS)	CITY/TOWN	ST ZIP	HOME PHONE
HIGH SCHOOL NOW ATTENDING	CITY/TOWN	ST	CELL PHONE
NAME OF GUIDANCE COUSELOR	YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS		
EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION	GPA	TWITTER HANDLE/ INSTAGRAM	
COLLEGES ACCEPTED TO AT THIS TIME			
OTHER COLLEGES APPLIED TO (YOUR TOP THREE OR FOUR CHOICES)			

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC, COMMUNITY & FAMILY)

Please list school, athletic, community or family activities in order of their importance to you, responsibilities or positions held, and the years in which you participated (9, 10, 11, 12). For example, STUDENT GOVT, MATH CLUB, SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEER, CARING FOR FAMILY MEMBERS (parents, siblings), ETC. Include summer and employment activities.

ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY OR POSITION-HELD	YEARS (9, 10, 11, 12)

Briefly describe which one of these activities was most meaningful to you and why:

OTHER AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Please list any awards or special recognition for academic achievement or community service. Include scholarship awards here.

AWARD OR RECOGNITION	ORGANIZATION	YEARS (9, 10, 11, 12)

COLLEGE PLANS

Please describe in the space below (or on a separate sheet of paper and in no more than 200 words) your plans for college, as best as you know them now, include your planned major, and answer the following question: "How do you expect the next four years of college to prepare you for life, career, or both?"

ESSAY QUESTION

1. "Service to others has its own arithmetic. Combine two or more good-hearted people in the pursuit of a common cause, and suddenly one-plus-one is more than two. It's called synergy. We can all do a little something, but together we can do something truly amazing." Author Unknown

2. "Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are." Harold Kushner

3. "One song can spark a moment. One flower can wake the dream. One tree can start a forest. One bird can herald a spring. One smile begins a friendship. One handclasp lifts a soul. One star can guide a ship at sea. One word can frame the goal. One vote can change a nation. One sunbeam lights a room. One candle wipes out darkness. One laugh will conquer gloom. One step must start each journey. One word must start a prayer. One hope will raise our spirits. One touch can show you care. One voice can speak with wisdom. One heart can know what's true. One life can make a difference. You see, it's up to you!" Author Unknown

4. "All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others." Danny Thomas

5. "One great, strong, unselfish soul in every community could actually redeem the world." Elbert Hubbard

In a typed essay of no more than 500 words, please describe how you have promoted kindness through community service or non-profit activities throughout your high school career. Discuss how this has impacted your life and how you plan to continue spreading kindness and helping those in need.

I declare that all the information provided in this application is my own work and is accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing, I also provide permission for my name and contents of this application (except transcript information) to be shared by the Colleen E. Ritzer Scholarship Fund in announcing award recipients on the web and in other promotional materials should I be selected.

PRINT NAME	SIGN NAME	DATE
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Important Instructions:

Please ensure that all submission materials are postmarked no later than March 31, 2026 to the address below. Your submission is not complete until we have received:

- 1. A completed and signed application form and essay.**
- 2. A copy of your high school transcript.***
- 3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor.***

*** Ask your guidance department and or teacher to provide items #2 and #3 via email.**

Thank you for applying! You can email your application and attachments (preferred) to info@colleenritzer.org or mail to the following.

**Colleen Ritzer Inspire Kindness Scholarship
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