

**GUIDELINES**  
**ADAM AND IDA DECK VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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Trustees of the Village Board of Hennepin, Illinois have elected to provide three vocational scholarships for residents of Hennepin Township. The scholarships will be subsidized through proceeds realized from the Adam and Ida Deck Fund. The first place scholarship will consist of \$1,200, the second place scholarship will consist of \$1,000, and the third place scholarship will consist of \$800. The scholarships are intended to help defray tuition, room and board, fees, and other necessary expenses of a vocational training program.

1. The scholarships are eligible to be used at any vocational training school or program, trade school, community college, four-year college or university leading to career employment from a school or institution that is on the “Federal Student Aid Code List.”  
*Examples: Cosmetology, Nursing, Horticulture, Early Childhood, Truck Driving, Agricultural Areas, etc.*
2. Applicants must have been a resident of Hennepin Township for the full two years immediately prior to the date of high school graduation, and the parent/s or legal guardian/s who have legal custody of the applicant must also have been a resident of Hennepin Township for a full two years immediately prior to the date of the applicant’s high school graduation.
3. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of a review of the following:
  - A. Two letters of recommendation from high school teachers, employers, or volunteer work supervisors.
  - B. Evaluation of the applicant’s past work experience, volunteer experience, and school activities.
  - C. The candidate’s written description of how he/she became interested in the vocational area and his/her career goals (not to exceed one page).
  - D. The applicant’s school attendance record.
  - E. The applicant’s seven-semester high school transcript. (Minimum of a “C” grade point average).
  - F. The Deck Scholarship Committee may request personal interviews with scholarship finalists.

Members of the Deck Scholarship Committee will rate each applicant on the above areas from 5 points high to 1 point low. The Deck Scholarship Committee will annually make a recommendation to the Hennepin Village Board suggesting the recipients of the scholarships based on the above guidelines and evaluation.

4. The scholarship recipient will receive 50% of the total award upon providing proof of acceptance and registration in the program (example: class schedule). The scholarship recipient will receive the remaining 50% of the total award upon providing proof of

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5. Applications must be made by **March 31** of the student's senior year. Applications received late will go to the bottom of the scholarship eligibility list in the order of date received. Any member of a given high school graduating class who has previously applied for the scholarships will be eligible for any unused scholarships in order of rank. If the holder of a scholarship should relinquish the scholarship all other eligible applicants would move up in order of rank. (Example: If first place is relinquished, second place becomes first, third becomes second and the fourth ranked applicant becomes third). Once a scholarship is relinquished, that applicant is no longer entitled to receive the scholarship.
6. Recipients of the GED diploma may apply for the scholarship only if they have completed seven semesters of high school work. Any such applicant will be placed in competition with graduating seniors in the year in which they receive their GED diploma.
7. The Deck Scholarship Committee reserves the right to recommend awards of any or all unused Adam and Ida Deck Vocational Scholarships to current non-award recipient applicants for the Adam and Ida Deck College Scholarship. In the event that all scholarships are not awarded due to inadequate number of eligible applicants, or relinquishing of scholarships with no additional eligible recipients, the awards/s will be given to the next ranking applicants for the *Adam and Ida Deck College Scholarship*. Any such awards will be made based on descending order of scholastic ranking as determined by the Deck College Scholarship application. Payment of any such additional college awards will be for the one specific year of the award only, and based on current guidelines of the Adam and Ida Deck College Scholarship.
8. The Deck Scholarship Committee reserves the right to make judgments on variances to the Guidelines or on cases not covered in the Guidelines.