

## Founding Fathers Scholarship

*Presented by the Irish American Society of County Will*



The Founding Fathers Memorial Scholarship is dedicated as a tribute to all who worked to begin this society in 1981. It will provide high school students graduating in spring of 2019 with scholarships of up to \$2000 to use at the college, university or trade school of their choice. Applicants for the Founding Fathers Scholarship should be in their final year of high school. Eligible students will be planning on attending an accredited college or university, a junior college, or a trade school beginning in the fall of 2019.

All students with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, are residents of Will County and embody characteristics of strong character and volunteer service are encouraged to apply. Applicants are required to: complete the attached application; include two essays of approximately 300 words or less (prompts below); and submit two letters of reference. One letter will be from a teacher or other academic professional. The other should be a character reference--from a coach, volunteer coordinator, employment supervisor, neighbor, minister, etc. Letters of recommendation should be in sealed envelopes and be submitted with the completed application.

Essay prompts:

1. The founders of the Irish American Society of County Will were people of exceptional character who contributed to the community through their volunteer service in many ways. In what ways do you embody good character, a volunteer spirit and how do you use this to better your community?
2. Describe a significant person of similar character or an event that has shaped your life and made you into the person you are today. Include why this person or event affected you so strongly.

Email answers to [bettie@komarassociates.com](mailto:bettie@komarassociates.com). Use "Founding Fathers Scholarship" in the subject line.

Applications may be submitted via mail to:

IASCW  
c/o Bettie Komar  
606 Western Avenue  
Joliet, IL 60435-7040

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 12, 2019. Finalists will be contacted by April 19th. Live interviews will be conducted in Joliet, Illinois on the afternoon of April 27, 2019.



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities/years of participation: (optional - attach separate sheet):  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Work (List activities and approximate amount of hours contributed):  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Employment Experience (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Time/Years of employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. numbers of hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/s held: \_\_\_\_\_