School District of West Salem
2026 LOCAL EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following local scholarships are offered to graduating seniors at West Salem High School. All include eligibility provisions relating to students with outstanding leadership, personality, community service, and scholastic achievement while in high school. A few of the scholarships include provisions for financial need and, unless stated, all scholarships are for students pursuing college or technical college degrees.

All scholarships awarded MUST be claimed within 2 years after the recipient's high school graduation.

NOTE: Some of the scholarships listed may not be awarded due to *insufficient funds and/or eligibility requirements.*

Name of Applicant:

SCHOLARSHIP	AMOUNT	ELIGIBILITY	Copy of REQUIREMENTS	APPLY with an "X"
1st COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION	$1,000 One-time grant	**Good Standing Member of 1st Community Credit Union for 1 year** High School Senior with a 2.5 GPA or higher who will be attending college, university or technical school in the fall	*Copy of Application *Essay: "How can a credit union help you achieve financial well being?"	
ASPIRING ARTISTS	$1,000 One-time grant	**Major: Art** Aspiring artist intending to pursue a career in a creative field. Must have taken at least 4 art classes in high school.	*Copy of Application **SUBMIT** **-3 photos of your best work that display technical/concept skills &** **-Short paragraph (5-8 sentences) on why you are pursuing a creative career, who or what inspired you and about your work.**	

WALTER F. BALTZ MEMORIAL DENTAL	$500 One-time grant	Majoring in dentistry, pre-dentistry or dental hygiene	*Copy of Application	
BARRE LIONS	$800 One-time grant	Open to any major *Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher on 4.0 scale	*Copy of Application (Essay not needed)	
CHARACTER LIVES/COULEE REGION WHOLE CHILD SCHOLARSHIP	$750 One-time grant	High level of character, leadership course, brings out the best in others.	Outside Application Application	
CHLOE KAY ECKELBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	$1,000 One-time grant	Currently and actively involved at the La Crosse Fairground Speedway (ex.: you race, you help a family member or friend that races, you work at the track, you regularly and often attend races, etc.)	Outside Application Application	

THEATRE ARTS	Varies One-time grant	Open to any major	*Copy of Application ***On a separate piece of paper list Drama Activities and year(s) involved.** ***Also, what has being a part of WSHS drama dept. meant to you?**	
EULER-LORENZ FAMILY	$4,000 One-time grant	Open to any Senior with a 3.0 GPA or higher and a ACT score of 26 or above heading to a 4 year college or university pursuing any major *Financial need or adversity given priority	*Copy of Application	
GAME GETTERS BOWHUNTING CLUB/RUSSELL J GONIA MEMORIAL	$200 One-time grant	Senior majoring in biology, forestry or DNR field		
MARIE W. HEIDER FINE ARTS BOARD	Varies One-time grant	Active in Fine Arts related activities (Drama, music, tech, crews, forensics and any involvement with any Heider Center For The Arts events, (i.e. Mayfair, ushering, Fall Craft Show, concessions, set up)	*Copy of Application **Submit a separate resume or listing of Fine Arts related activities**	
DANIEL HESSELBERG MEMORIAL	$500 One-time grant	Student must be or have been an Eagle Scout	*Copy of Application	
HODGSON JONES FAMILY PERSEVERANCE SCHOLARSHIP	$250 One-time grant	West Salem High School Senior that has overcome adversity in their life by using positivity as their strength	*Copy of Application **Submit a paragraph describing how you overcame adversity**	

TY & JUDY HOIER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP	$500 One-time grant	Cum GPA of 3.0 or above; must have played a minimum of 2 sports for all 4 years of HS; preference given to students who are either planning to play college sports or major in sports related field	*Copy of Application **Submit 500 word answer to:** **What have you learned from athletics that will help you be successful in other aspects of your life?**	
QUENTIN & OLIVE JEFFERS FAMILY MEMORIAL	$1,000 One-time grant	Open to any major	*Copy of Application **Submit essay on one of the following:** **1. What do family values mean to me?** **2. Why is community service important?** **3. What is my perception of the "ideal" family?** **Include anticipated field of study, the reason you chose it and family background**	
KUEHN FAMILY	$250 One-time grant	Open to any major		
ANGELA LABUS MEMORIAL	Varies One-time grant	Elementary Education Major **OR** Interested in farming, music, art, community involvement	*Copy of Application	

LA CROSSE AREA RETIRED TEACHERS (WSHS 2026)	Varies One-time grant	Graduating Senior, Education major		
LA CROSSE SOCIETY OF ARTS & CRAFTS	$300 One-time grant	Graduating Senior with a passion for art. Art related major, i.e.- Graphic Design, Art Teacher, Art Therapy, etc.		
HAZEL B. LEICHT MEMORIAL	$700 2-4 years with satisfactory GPA	Open to any major		
MCDONALD WEINGARTEN	$500 One-time grant	Major of Education, Medical or Business Financial need		

EFFIE MCKINLEY MEMORIAL	$700 4 years with satisfactory GPA	Open to any major		
DORIS MICHELSON MEMORIAL EDUCATION	$500 One-time grant	Senior Girls Basketball participant (with preference given to those accepted to UW-Eau Claire majoring in Elementary Education)		
HORACE & GLADYS MORAN FUND	$250 One-time grant	Must have participated in one sport for four years and show interest/skill in mathematics (2 Awarded - 1 Male & 1 Female)		
NESHONOC LAKERS	Varies One-time grant	4 year involvement in sports	*Copy of Application **Write a paragraph about your involvement with the Lakers**	

OKTOBERFEST "Gemütlichkeit"	$1,000 One-time grant	Positive community involvement, good academic standing and financial need *Major in International Business, preferred		
THE PIPER FAMILY FUND	Varies One-time grant	Graduating Senior with A or B GPA (3.0 or above)	Paragraph: **Why should you receive this scholarship?**	
HARRY PRALLE MEMORIAL	Varies One-time grant	Open to any major (Finalists will have a brief interview with the Pralle family members to determine recipient)	*Copy of Application **Include a sheet answering these questions:** **1. What career area do you plan to pursue & why?** **2. What is your family background?** **3. What does life mean to you?**	
NICHOLAS & JOANN QUINN FAMILY	Varies One-time grant	Major in nursing		
NICHOLAS & JOANN QUINN FAMILY	Varies One-time grant	Major in Business		
MARIE B. SANDERS	Varies One-time grant	Graduate planning on majoring in English or Language Arts		

MARIE B. SANDERS LANGUAGE ARTS	Varies One-time grant	Outstanding cumulative record in English Class	*Copy of Application	
HULDA SANDER MEMORIAL	$700 4 years with satisfactory GPA	Open to any major		
CARL W. SELBREDE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC	$250 One-time grant	Involved with instrumental music throughout HS		
KORRY DON WILLIAM SERVAIS MEMORIAL	$250 One-time grant	Accepted to a college or tech school; Pursuing a degree in agriculture; Panther Portfolio used to gain knowledge about agriculture	*Copy of Application	
JOHN & RUTH SHERMAN MEMORIAL	$3,400 Potentially renewable	Open to any major		
STAY STANDING AWARD	$614 (2026) One-time grant	Open to any major	Outside Application: STAY STANDING AWARD	
TAMMY LYNN THOMAS MEMORIAL NURSING	$500 One-time grant	2 or 4 year course of study in nursing; B average student accepted to a post secondary school		
THE TINY ORCHARD	$2,000 One-time grant	2 or 4 year college pursuing a degree in art or creative related field. *Special consideration may be given to applicants with diverse backgrounds	*Copy of Application & ***Simple doodle**	

UNION STATE BANK BUSINESS	$500 One-time grant	Senior pursuing business major	*Copy of Application	
UNSUNG HERO	Amount Varies	Trade School or Technical College	*Copy of Application	
VEUM	$1,100 May be renewable	Nursing or Engineering (4 year degree)		
WEST SALEM HOOPS CLUB	$500 One-time grant	2024-2025 Boys Basketball Team Member	*Copy of Application	
WEST SALEM LIONS	$500 One-time grant	Community involvement, good academic record		
WEST SALEM AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	$500 One-time grant	Senior pursuing education at Technical College		
WEST SALEM BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	$1,143.50 (2025) One-time grant	Upper 25% of class		
WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE	Varies One-time grant	Preference will go to a current FFA member with a major in Ag, food service or natural resources	*Copy of Application	

WEST SALEM HISTORICAL SOCIETY	$250 (Can be renewed if student volunteers an Copy of 20 hours at WS Historical Society)	*Parent/Grandparent must be current Historical Society Member *Student ***must*** major in history or literature or historic Preservation. *Student must volunteer 20 hours prior to applying for the scholarship and to renew *Student can do Senior Exit Project involving Historical Society which will count toward volunteer hours. (Society has a list of suggested topics)	*Copy of Application	
WEST SALEM PANTHER FOOTBALL/JOHN HENRICKS MEMORIAL	Varies One-time grant	Football participant	*Copy of Application	
WEST SALEM PANTHER FOOTBALL/RICK SNELL MEMORIAL	Varies One-time grant	Football participant	*Copy of Application	
WEST SALEM PANTHER FOOTBALL UNCOMMON MAN	Varies One-time grant	Football participant	*Copy of Application	
WEST SALEM ROD & GUN CLUB	$500 One-time grant	Graduating WSHS Senior pursuing a degree related to natural resources and/or conservation of the environment	Outside Application: https://www.wsalem.k12.wi.us/uploads/West_Salem_Rod_and_Gun_Club_Scholarship_2025_26.pdf	
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE	$500 One-time grant	Applicant must plan to attend Western in the fall	*Winner must fill out Copy of scholarship form for Western	

ZACHARY & MARGARET RIGOTTI SCHOLARSHIP	$1,000 One-time grant	GPA of "B" or better. Must have been on at least one sporting team each year. Must have been involved in at least one school/academic extracurricular activity each year	*Copy of Application	

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