



February 2025

Dear High School Counselor,

The Friends of the Hennepin Canal will be offering one scholarship to a high school student who plans to enter college in the fall of 2025. The amount awarded will be \$1,000. Several application forms are enclosed, but feel free to duplicate this form as needed. Please advise eligible seniors of this scholarship opportunity.

To be eligible for this scholarship, students must reside in one of the four Illinois counties through which the Hennepin Canal flows, specifically Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, and Whiteside. Any high school senior is welcome to apply, with special consideration given to students with high academic achievements, a strong history of community service, and who plan to major in an environmental, STEM or engineering field of study.

Applicants are required to submit the following along with the enclosed application form:

- A high school transcript
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor
- A second letter of recommendation from a teacher or adult who knows the applicant through work, church, sports, community service or extracurricular activities
- A short essay (100 words or less) to describe applicant's career objectives (on a separate piece of paper)
- A short essay (100 words or less) about how the Hennepin Canal has been an important part of applicant's life (on a separate piece of paper)

Applications are due with a postmark dated **on or before April 1, 2025**. Late applications will not be considered. Please note, applications will not be returned. Scholarship winners will be notified in April and the scholarship will be awarded at the May board of directors meeting of the Friends of the Hennepin Canal.

If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Hanson at (708) 997-9624 or jshdesign@hotmail.com. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Hennepin Canal
Scholarship Committee



FRIENDS OF THE HENNEPIN CANAL Scholarship Application 2025

Student Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Names of Parents or Guardians _____

Name of High School _____

Class of _____ Weighted GPA _____ Unweighted GPA _____

Test Scores (Please complete with assistance from counselor if necessary)

ACT Score _____ and/or SAT Score _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Leadership Activities _____

Student Name _____

Community Service _____

Honors & Awards _____

Work Experience _____

School You Plan to Attend _____

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Return of this signed application indicates the sincere intent of the student to pursue a college education beginning in the fall semester of 2025. Applications will not be returned, and **late applications will not be considered**. Signatures also indicate that the student and parent/guardian both acknowledge the decision of the scholarship committee to be final. Please return application and other required documents to the address below with a postmark no later than April 1, 2025, for consideration. Thank you!

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Please submit to:
Friends of the Hennepin Canal
Attn: Scholarship Committee
