



Attention Prospective Students

2025 Eric Verhaar Scholarship

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Our son, brother, friend, mentor, and community activist passed as he was entering an exciting time in his life, at age 22.

Eric was an Eagle Scout, a recent graduate of Western Michigan University with a Degree in Aviation Mechanics and was entering the Marine Corp to become a pilot.

Eric was one of those individuals that made friends wherever he went. Eric will be remembered for his kindness, his love of the Boy Scouts, his mentoring younger Scouts and for being a free spirit. Eric inspired everyone to realize that life needs to be lived and we need to balance work to make room for the things and people we love.

Eric touched many lives and his family wants to continue his legacy by providing assistance to deserving West Michigan students.



Scholarship

- The scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000
- Type your “Short Answer” and “Essay” on a separate piece of paper. Be sure to include the question above each of your responses.
- Please do not staple or paperclip pages
- Do not mention if you know or have known the Verhaar family

Scholarship Criteria

- Student must be from West Michigan attending a Community College, 4 Year College or University or Trade School within Michigan
- Student must be from one of the following Michigan Counties (Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Ionia, Isabella, Kalamazoo, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa, and Van Buren Counties)
- Applicants must be currently enrolled as a Sophomore, Junior or Senior at a Community College, 4 Year College or University or Trade School within Michigan by fall of 2025
- Previously chosen applicants are not eligible

Scholarship Judging

- Scholarship award will be based on application judging.
- Applications will be judged on community service, leadership/extracurricular activities, short essays, and essay.
- Each application will be scored by at least two judges and an average score determined.
- Financial need will not be a factor in the application process.
- A minimum student GPA of 2.0 is required.

Application Timeline 2025

- Applications will be available in February 2025
- Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2025
- Applications will be scored by June 30, 2025
- Chosen applicant will be notified by the end of July 2025
- Scholarship will be sent to the School for distribution to the student

Submitting Application

- Send all applications to:
Eric Verhaar Scholarship
2685 Moerland Dr NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

- All applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2025 to be eligible for consideration



Eric Verhaar Scholarship Application 2025

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

Current College Grade Level _____

Focus of Study _____

College/Trade School Attending _____

SIGNATURES

By signing this application, you agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your completed form. If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be disqualified from this scholarship contest. You agree to use of your name and information contained within the application for advertising, promotional and publicity purposes without consent or compensation.

Signed by _____ Date _____
(Student)



Short Answer

Please no staples or paper clips. Do not mention if you know or have known the Verhaar family.

On a separate piece of paper, be sure to include the question above each of your responses, prepare a typed, single-spaced, dated and signed Short Answer essay on the following topics:

1. Describe how you have demonstrated leadership inside and outside of school?
2. Why do you think you are the best candidate for the Eric Verhaar Scholarship?
3. What special attribute sets you apart from others?
4. Describe your most meaningful accomplishments and how they relate to your field of study and your career goals?

ESSAY

Please use no staples or paper clips. Do not mention if you know or have known the Verhaar family.

On a separate piece of paper, prepare a typed, single-spaced, dated and signed essay of no more than a 1,000 words.

Choose one of the Community Service, Leadership Experience or Extracurricular Activities and describe

- The impact the experience has had on you
- What you contributed
- What you learned about yourself
- How it has influenced your plans for the future