

Thomas A. Sherk Scholarship Information

Eligibility

The Thomas A. Sherk Scholarship is open to any senior student graduating from Cedar Crest High School and planning to major in Mathematics, Mathematics Education, or Elementary Education at a four- (4-) year institution. The applicant must have at least a B or 3.0 grade point average. The nonrenewable scholarship award amount is \$1,000, payable to the student (in the student's name) upon completion of one semester with at least a 3.0 GPA. Recipient will provide an unofficial transcript to Falcon Foundation to verify GPA.

The scholarship applicant must:

- Complete the application and all required paperwork. Submit application no later than April 5, 2025, to the Cedar Crest High School Counseling Office.
- Submit an essay (see application).
- Submit a copy of high school transcript – (Note: Requests for transcripts from the CCHS Counseling Office must be made at least 10 business days ahead to avoid a processing fee. That date for 2025 is March 17.)
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation. One must be from a high school teacher (for applicants planning to major in mathematics or mathematics education, this letter must be from a high school mathematics teacher). This letter should include comments that pertain to the student's skills and ability to be successful in the student's chosen major at the college level, overall character, and high school academic performance. The other letter may be from a high school counselor, employer, coach, another teacher, or community leader. Please notify those writing references to state how long they have known you and in what context. All letters must be signed by reference.
- Provide a copy of your letter of acceptance to the four-year college/university you plan to attend.

Application Process

- The completed application and all required paperwork are due in the Cedar Crest High School Counseling Office by the April 5, 2025, deadline. (Transcript must be requested by March 17, 2025.)
- Type information or write legibly. You may complete the application online, but you must print out a final copy to be submitted to the Counseling Office.
- All requested information must be included. Entries missing information will be disqualified. There are two pages to this application.
- The scholarship recipient will be determined by the scholarship committee. All decisions are final. The scholarship recipient will be notified and announced at the CCHS Senior Awards Program in May.
- Selection will be based on the applicant's record of scholastic achievement, extracurricular, activities, letters of recommendation, and essay responses without regard to race, sex, religion or financial need.
- Make a copy of your completed scholarship application for your records, prior to submittal.
- The scholarship money will be payable to the student (in the student's name) upon completion of one semester with at least a 3.0 GPA. An unofficial transcript will be required for reimbursement.
- The scholarship is non-renewable, and priority will be given to Mathematics majors.

Thomas A. Sherk Scholarship Application

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Applicant Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

☐ Educational Institution Information/Letter of Acceptance

Name of four-year college/university to which you have been accepted and plan to attend:

Attach a copy of the letter of acceptance.

Answers in the next section may be typed on a separate piece of paper. Include your full name and telephone number on each sheet.

☐ Honors

Briefly list and describe scholastic, community, athletic, work-related or personal distinctions or honors you have earned.

☐ **School and Community Involvement**

List your extracurricular school activities, community involvement and offices held. Include specific events and/or major accomplishments.

☐ **Essay**

On a separate sheet of paper, please type an essay, not to exceed 500 words, explaining why you have chosen mathematics, mathematics education, or elementary education field.

Include your future plans or goals.

☐ **Transcript**

Please provide a copy of your official high school transcript with the application. (Note: requests for transcripts from the CCHS Counseling Office must be made 10 business days in advance of the deadline to avoid a processing fee. That date for 2025 is March 17.)

☐ **Letters of Recommendation**

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 5, 2025

Please submit the application and all required paperwork to the CCHS Counseling Office.

I, the applicant, by my signature below, verify the foregoing facts are true to the best of my knowledge. Any information provided may be verified by the scholarship committee.

Signature of Applicant

Date