

Village of Panama Scholarship

The Village of Panama is offering two (2) \$500 scholarships to students who are currently juniors, Class of 2026, at Hillsboro High School, or a homeschooled student in the Hillsboro CUSD 3 boundary. The scholarship winners will be announced at our monthly Panama Board meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 7:00p.m. The winners of the scholarship will help the Panama community through the completion of 50 community Service hours and be awarded the monetary award at the Award Banquet in May of 2026. Below is a list of criteria to be eligible for the scholarship.

1. Must live within the Hillsboro CUSD 3 School district boundaries.
2. Write an essay with 500 words or less containing the following information:
 - a. Tell us about yourself.
 - b. Academic & career goals: What are your academic and career goals, and how will this scholarship help you achieve them?
 - c. Community Involvement: How have you contributed to your community? What community service have you provided? Why is it important for you to give back to your community?
3. Must complete 50 Community Service hours in the Village of Panama as follows:
 - a. Assist with putting up flags and taking flags down in Union Cemetery and on flag poles in the community for the following holidays:
 - i. Memorial Day
 - ii. Flag Day
 - iii. Independence Day
 - iv. Labor Day
 - v. Veteran's Day
 - b. Serve at the Union Cemetery Memorial Day breakfast on the Sunday of Memorial Day, May 25, 2025.
 - c. Failure to complete 50 hours of community service may result in revocation of the scholarship funds.

Scholarship essays may be submitted beginning on April 1, 2025 and will be accepted through April 30, 2025. They can be dropped off at Village Hall in Panama, or mailed to the following address:

Village of Panama: Scholarship

PO Box 817

Panama, Illinois 62077

If you have any questions regarding the application, please reach out to one of the following:

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