



2026 LION ROBERT M. SWINNERTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

March 2, 2026

Hector Area Lions Club
c/o Tammy Clarkson – Secretary
102 Willow Drive
Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Dear Prospective Applicant,

Lion Rob Swinnerton was a lifelong volunteer, business owner, and community servant who epitomized the true definition of the Lions International motto, “We Serve.” Rob believed in placing the needs of the community over his own and worked tirelessly to ensure the betterment of others through his 50 years of service in Lions.

The Hector Area Lions Club is pleased to offer a scholarship in an amount up to \$1,000 to Schuyler County graduates to be paid to the student in their 2026-2027 school year.

Applicants must be Schuyler County residents for at least their last two years and will be pursuing higher education as an undergraduate student in a four-year college or university, two-year college, trade or technical school or entering the military. Emphasis on award eligibility will be given to those who have demonstrated a consistent commitment to volunteerism and assisting those in need in their community.

Please find an enclosed application. All completed applications must be received no later than April 19, 2026. The scholarship winners will be notified by the end of May 2026.

Sincerely,

Members of the Hector Area Lions Club

**Lion Robert M. Swinnerton Memorial Scholarship
Hector Area Lions Club-Scholarship Application
Community Service Club**

2026 Graduate from high school, continuing as an undergraduate student at a four-year college or university, two years college, trade or technical school, or entering the military.

(Limited to Schuyler County resident graduates)

Please Type or Write Neatly!

Please fill out the application in detail, and return it via US Mail along with a copy of your grades (unofficial transcript) postmarked by April 19, 2026 to Hector Area Lions Club Scholarship, c/o Tammy Clarkson, Hector Area Lions Club, 102 Willow Drive, Watkins Glen, NY 14891 **OR** you may email the entire completed paperwork to tclarkson@us.ibm.com

Any late or incomplete applications will not be considered and disqualified.

Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current GPA _____ (2.0 or above)

Post-high school plan: _____

Essay:

On a separate sheet of paper, please submit a typed essay that incorporates the answers to the questions below.

- 1. What does the motto “We Serve” truly mean to you?**
- 2. What have you done to assist and serve in our community? How have you made a difference to those in need?**
 - a. Please include in your response all Volunteer/Community activities or organizations you have participated in. (Include service clubs, church, charities, and all other volunteer service, indicate any specific offices held)
- 3. Describe in your own words, your goals and objectives as they relate to your career and college/university plans.**
 - a. List awards, honors, and scholarships received. How do you believe that these will help you on your career path?
 - b. List any positions you have held in gainful employment during the past 12 months and how these relate to your future goals and objectives.

Recommendation Letters:

Include three letters of recommendation:

1. High School Teacher
2. Unrelated Person
3. Volunteer organization leader, pastor, employer, team manager, etc.

Sign and Submit by the Deadline:

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ENTRIES ON THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

In being considered as a scholarship recipient, I hereby release the above-stated information to the necessary persons involved in the decision of the scholarship awards.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Check List

_____ Application Form

_____ Essay

_____ Letter of Recommendation (Teacher)

_____ Letter of Recommendation (Unrelated Person)

_____ Letter of Recommendation (Volunteer organization leader, pastor, employer, team manager)

_____ Signed Above Certification

Any Lions Club Scholarship application that is received that does not follow the rules and guidelines set forth by the Lions Club Scholarship committee will automatically be disqualified.

IMPORTANT:

Scholarship money will be sent directly to the student for the 2026-2027 academic year upon receipt of official higher education transcript upon completion of first semester or technical training program or statement of completion of a military training program. It is the responsibility of the student to follow up with the transcript to receive the funds. Transcript may be mailed or emailed to Tammy Clarkson at the email or address noted above.

For committee use only:

_____ Received on or before April 19, 2026

_____ Application completes per requirements