April 16 - Service, advocacy, and mentorship (SAM) scholarship 2026

This is the readable version of this scholarship packet. The official PDF is the one to fill in and return.

Amity High School Scholarship Application Guidelines

In an effort to ensure that scholarship applications meet the highest possible quality standards, Amity High School has established the following guidelines:

- All applications must be proofed to assure neatness and proper spelling and grammar usage.
- The application must include **all** of the requested materials **or it will not be accepted**.
- **All** questions must be answered **clearly** and **completely**, using complete sentences. (it is highly recommended that you provide all pertinent information that helps to clarify your response.)
- **All** applications must be accompanied with a signed statement that your parent or guardian has reviewed your complete application.
- Your application must be received prior to the deadline established for submittal.

I want to remind you that our scholarship donors really appreciate students that put the necessary time and effort into the application process.

Good luck and thanks in advance for turning in the quality applications that I know Amity students are capable of!

Jeff Clark, Superintendent

Amity School District 4

How to Use & Print the AHS Fillable Scholarship Application

1. Create a new file folder, make this your destination for all of your scholarships.
2. Download the scholarship file, save the scholarship in the folder you have just created. You will be accessing and using the newly saved scholarship.
3. Open the scholarship that has been saved to your new folder. If you fill in the application directly after opening it from the website nothing that you type in will be saved. You have to: Open/Download/Save/Re-open.

It is recommended that you use Google Docs to write your essays and create your activity lists; then copy/paste into your application.

Service, Advocacy, and Mentorship Scholarship

The service, advocacy, and mentorship scholarship seeks to highlight and appreciate the many ways that AHS students show up to help their communities and the people around them in their day to day lives. Whether the helpful actions are big or small, these combined moments add up and are important in a community. Below are three simple definitions of service, advocacy, and mentorship.

Service - Volunteering, taking time, or doing something at school or home to help others.

Advocacy - Supporting and defending others in the knowledge of their rights, fighting for causes, and helping create spaces free of violence and harassment that are safe, healthy, and accessible for all.

Mentorship - Taking time to share knowledge, guidance, and experiences with another person, to help them grow and learn new skills. *It's important to note that effective mentoring involves collaboration, both people learning from one another, and is free of coercion or manipulation.*

Each of the actions above are valuable, and at times they may even overlap. Here are a few examples of some of the ways these may show up in life.

- Going out of your way to include someone when you see them being left out.
- Taking a walk to pick up litter around school or where you live.
- Good at fixing things? Offer to help someone with your repair skills.
- If able and safe, calling out or reporting harassment when you witness it.
- Advocating for people to practice skills that lead to healthy relationships.
- Reading to students at the Elementary School or younger siblings.
- Volunteering at a community or school event.
- Raising funds for or bringing awareness to a cause you feel is important.

Students seeking to apply for this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

- Be a senior at Amity High School.
- Upon graduation, plan to do one of the following: Apply for a job, attend a community college, 4-year college, vocational school, service program such as AmeriCorps or Peace Corps, joining a branch of the military, supporting family, or taking a gap year.
- There is no expectation that someone must be perfect every moment of every day to apply. Off moments and life events happen that impact how we feel and show up. We are all practicing, learning, and growing.

Scholarship amount: The number of awards is to be determined with the award amount ranging up to $500.

Selection Committee: The selection committee shall consist of the Cox family and friends. All applications have value and we look forward to learning about the ways you show up to help your community, yourself, and those around you.

Due Date: Applications are to be completed and returned to the ASPIRE Coordinator on or before **April 16th, 2026 by 3:00 pm**.

Name: (blank)

Please answer the following question on a separate sheet of paper. There is no minimum or maximum word requirement, please write as much as you feel is needed to fully answer the questions. *(If wanted, you are welcome to answer these questions in a form other than a written or typed, such as an audio recording or video)*

1. How do you define community? Who are some of the people, pets, groups, or places that are important to you and how have they positively impacted your life?
2. In what way/ways have you served, advocated for, mentored, or made others feel included in your community? *(To respect others privacy, there is no requirement to use others names when describing an action you took. For example, “I helped my neighbor…” or “There was a new student at school and I asked them if they wanted to sit with us at lunch.”)*
3. What are three things that you have learned about yourself as a result of taking time to help others?

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT: The information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

NAME OF APPLICANT: (blank) Date: (blank)