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The Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps
Scholarship Committee
226 Washington Street
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

THE SALVATION ARMY EAST STROUDSBURG IRENE CRAMER COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

➤ **Background:**

Through the generosity of the Irene Cramer Trust Fund, The Salvation Army awards community service scholarships to eligible Monroe County students each year. The number of awards and the amount of each one varies from year to year based on available funding. In most years, The Salvation Army distributes about \$50,000 in total to deserving students.

If you're selected, you'll be notified by mid-April and invited to attend an award reception. Scholarship funds are sent directly to the recipient's postsecondary institution in one payment in late July or early August 2026. Please let us know if your student status or identification number changes so we can ensure the award is credited accurately to your student account.

➤ **General Eligibility Requirements:**

You may apply if you meet all of the following:

- You reside in Monroe County, PA.
- Your household income is below 300% of the 2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines (see page 5)
- You have a strong record of community service
- You are either a graduating high-school senior planning to enroll in an accredited postsecondary institution for the upcoming academic year or a student enrolled in an accredited college/university for the 2026-2027 academic year.

➤ **Scholarship Application Instructions:**

All applications must be typed. Read the form carefully and submit it with all required materials by the deadline. A fillable PDF application is available at: <https://rebrand.ly/TSACramerScholarship26>. ***Handwritten***, incomplete, or late applications will not be considered.

The completed application must be received by **Friday, March 27, 2026**. The Salvation Army is not responsible for mail delays. To avoid issues, applicants are encouraged to submit by email to jason.lesh@use.salvationarmy.org. Applications may also be hand-delivered or mailed to:

The Salvation Army Attn: Scholarship Committee 226 Washington Street in East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

If you have questions about the application, contact Jason Lesh of The Salvation Army at (570) 255-6783.



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This application must be **received** by The Salvation Army at 226 Washington Street in East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 **on or before March 27, 2026.**

Personal Information

Applicant's Name: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Name of Parent
or Guardian: _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Applicant's
Address: _____
(Street) (APT#)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Other Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you reside in Monroe County, PA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your aggregate gross household income: *Refer to the attached federal poverty guidelines on page 5*

☐ Higher than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines **OR**

☐ Lower than 300% of the federal poverty Guidelines.

Education Information

Current status (select one):

☐ High-school senior graduating in: Month _____ Year _____

From _____

☐ Current undergraduate student

I will be attending. _____
(Name of College/University/Trade or Career School you will attend or currently attend)

(Address of Accredited College/University/Trade School or Career School)

Intended Course of Study at the Accredited
College/University/Trade School: _____

Extracurricular Activities and Honors

List or describe your activities and community service below. Include the number of years you participated and your approximate hours. High-school seniors and current college students should include all relevant experiences from high school, college, and the community

Extracurricular Activities (remember to include the number of years and approximate hours):

Community Interests and Service (remember to include the number of years and approximate hours):

Honors Received (with year):

Essay

Please write up to a **500-word** essay. Your essay should describe what you've gained from community service, outline your past and current involvement, and explain how you plan to continue serving during your time in postsecondary education.

Letters of Recommendation

You must include at least **two (2)** letters of recommendation, one (1) from a teacher, professor, or academic advisor, and one (1) from a community service supervisor or organization leader. List the contact information below for each letter of recommendation.

Name	Address	Phone #

Certification

Complete the following checklist and sign where indicated below before submitting your application.

- ☐ I have completed and signed this application in **typed** format.
- ☐ I have attached at least two (2) letters of recommendation.
- ☐ I have attached my most recent transcript.
 - High-school seniors: high-school transcript
 - Current college students: college transcript
- ☐ My aggregate net household income is less than 300% of the current federal poverty guidelines
- ☐ I am eligible for this scholarship because I satisfy **all** of the following:
 - I am a resident of Monroe County, PA
 - High-school diploma/GED this school year **or** currently enrolled in an undergraduate program
 - Enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in an accredited postsecondary institution for the upcoming academic year

My signature below certifies that all of the information I provided in this application is true and complete and I will accept the decision of The Salvation Army as final.

My signature below also grants The Salvation Army and those acting under its authority the right to record on film, tape, photo, or otherwise release my name, likeness, biography, composition, and actions. I acknowledge that my information may be edited as desired by The Salvation Army and used in perpetuity within any medium for the purposes of promotion and publicity in connection with The Salvation Army. I understand that I waive the right to inspect or approve any such use and forgo any compensation.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date of Application)

2025 Annual Federal Poverty Guidelines

48 Contiguous States and DC

Household size	100%	300%
1	\$15,650	\$46,950
2	\$21,150	\$63,450
3	\$26,650	\$79,950
4	\$32,150	\$96,450
5	\$37,650	\$112,950
6	\$43,150	\$129,450
7	\$48,650	\$145,950
8	\$54,150	\$162,450
For each additional person, add	\$5,500	\$16,500