



## 2026 Edward and Irv Kovens Scholarship

Application for Scholarship for the year 2026

Applications must be addressed to: NBVA Scholarship  
380 Terra Cotta Road, Suite F  
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Contact: Lori Schneider, NBVA Administrator  
admin@nbva.org  
(815) 526-3758

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**  
**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE 2026 CONFERENCE**

Applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Applications must be timely and **COMPLETE** to be considered. All submitted applications will receive an **emailed receipt**. If you do not receive a receipt, please call the NBVA Office.

**Application requirements are as follows:**

1. Students must be NBVA Members, employees of NBVA members, immediate family of NBVA members and/or their employees (children or grandchildren only).
2. Meet all the requirements for enrollment or continuing enrollment to any of the following higher learning institutions: trade school, junior college, college or university (PLEASE NOTE: Graduate-level education is not eligible for this scholarship)
3. Previous scholarship applicants may reapply.
4. The scholarship may be awarded for a total of 4 years of education within a six-year period.

Awards are made on a competitive basis with consideration being given to scholastic achievement, social/school involvement, character, and promise. The intent of this award is not to dispense charity, but rather to make it possible to encourage students to secure a university, trade school, or college degree. The scholarship will be granted to the successful applicants and announced just after the NBVA annual conference. The recipient(s) will be given their monetary award upon notification of student's enrollment by the institution they will be attending. The award amount will depend on the funds generated at the NBVA conference in March 2026. The number of scholarships, amount of scholarships, and recipient of scholarship(s) will be determined at the discretion of the NBVA scholarship committee.

Please note scholarship awards will be sent directly to the recipient and check will be made out to the learning institution.

**New Applicants:** Please complete Section 1, 2 items: F, G, and H

**Prior Applicants:** Please complete Section 1, items: I and J

Internal use only:

Blind Grading Indicator:

**SECTION 1 – Internal use only – not seen by scholarship committee**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ How long at current address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of NBVA sponsor member: \_\_\_\_\_

Company of NBVA member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate:** NBVA Member /Son/ Daughter/ Grandson/ Granddaughter of NBVA member  
(Please Circle)

Name of High School/ College: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State or Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for the first time (Please circle) Yes / No

If reapplying, name of current college/university / trade school: \_\_\_\_\_

## **SECTION 2**

A. What University/ College/ Trade School are you attending / planning to attend:

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B. What business or profession are you preparing to study: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Please list all school-related extracurricular and academic activities. (Other than regular studies, including; sports, student government, band, cheerleading, class paper, yearbook, etc.):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

D. List all community activities (Youth organizations, hospital volunteer work, etc.):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

E. Please list all current and past employment (After school, summer, part-time jobs, camp counselor, etc. ***Note: You may also attach a résumé in lieu of the above sections as long as the resume includes information for each of the above areas.***):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

See Attached Resume

F. Please attach a brief statement (100 words or less) explaining why you have chosen your specific major, profession, or academic interest. Please include any special qualification you may have and your future goals. Tell us about yourself and why you wish to further your education.

G. Please provide current academic transcripts. Emailed copies are acceptable.

H. Include one letter of recommendation from current school principal, dean, teacher, counselor, or member of your community who can verify the candidate's academic standing, character and personality. Emailed copies are acceptable

- I. If reapplying for additional scholarship funds, please indicate how previous scholarship money was used. Emailed copies are acceptable
- J. Proof of Current Enrollment. Emailed copies are acceptable

*The NBVA scholarship committee will notify scholarship recipients after April 15, 2026.*

Do you solemnly affirm the correctness of the statements contained herein? If so, please sign below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_