



Challenges
Perseverance
Character
Hope

The Jim Hallihan Character Legacy Scholarship was created by his family in memory of a wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle, coach and friend. Jim believed that good character was even more important than grades, success in sports, or excelling in other talents. He believed in mentoring young people and often talked about the biblical principle of how challenges in life create perseverance which builds character and leads to hope.

The scholarship will provide applicants the opportunity to share some of those challenges and experiences where their character was tested, and they prevailed with good decisions and caring actions. We hope to provide opportunities for first generation college students and/or underrepresented populations on a college campus. Through stories and narratives, the focus will be on community service, volunteering, involvement in religious organizations and schools, and references of good character.

Eligibility

High school seniors, graduating in spring 2022. One recipient will be chosen from an Iowa high school to honor Jim's work with youth in Iowa, and another recipient will be chosen from a Decatur, Illinois high school to honor his hometown.

How to apply (online preferred)

Please apply online at <https://bit.ly/HallihanScholarshipApplication>.

Applications open on **January 5, 2022**, which would have been Hallihan's 77th birthday, and accepted through **March 31, 2022**. Recipients will be notified by May 2, 2022. Scholarships will be awarded from \$1,000-\$2,500 per recipient.

If you have any questions, please email HallihanScholarship@gmail.com. To learn more about Jim Hallihan, visit <https://www.amesmonument.com/obituary/594458/James-Hallihan>.

*Follow the below instructions only if you are **unable** to apply online.*

On a separate document, please provide the following information and email to HallihanScholarship@gmail.com.

Personal information

- Student name, email, phone, complete address
- High school name, complete address and phone

Getting to know you: The answers to these questions are not determining factors in whether you are eligible to receive this scholarship. For example, your GPA is needed to confirm that you would be on track to enter college but is not highly weighted on its own.

- GPA
- Are you a first-generation college student? (Your grandparents and parents did not attend college).
- Are you part of an underrepresented population on college campuses? If yes, please provide more information.
- Please describe your extracurricular activities at school and years of involvement (clubs, sports, choir, drama, band, etc)
- Please describe your extracurricular activities done outside of school and years of involvement (volunteering, clubs, church and religious organizations, community service, etc)
- Please list any academic achievements or other recognition.
- Is there anything else you would like to share about your interests, school and/or extracurricular activities?

Your personal character narrative

- Please share about challenges that you've had to persevere through and how you overcame those challenges. This is an opportunity to share specific experiences where your character was tested, and you prevailed with good decisions and caring actions. This will be the most important section of the application in regard to an applicant's eligibility.

Letters of recommendation

- Please provide 2-3 letters of recommendation. Please make sure the relationship is clear. At least one needs to be from an adult at your school. These can be from teachers, coaches, volunteer leadership, peers (if appropriate to your narrative), family members, etc. Email these at the same time as your application.