

Scholarship Requirements

Community Service Requirement

- Applicants must complete a minimum of **200 hours of community service**.
- Community service must be verified using the official **Community Service Verification Form** included in this packet.
- Examples of acceptable service include:
 - Volunteering with nonprofit organizations
 - Youth mentoring or coaching assistance
 - League volunteering (Bidly Ball, field work, events)
 - Community outreach or service projects

Essay Requirement

- Applicants must submit a **handwritten essay (300–500 words)** responding to the following prompt:

“Describe how your participation in the Shakamak Youth League and your community service experiences have influenced your personal growth, leadership development, and future goals.”
- **Typed essays will not be accepted.**

Verbal Presentation Requirement

- All applicants are required to appear before the **Scholarship Committee** to verbally present and discuss their handwritten essay.
- Presentation dates and times will be scheduled after applications are received.
- Applicants should be prepared to discuss their essay, community service, and future plans.
- Failure to appear for the verbal presentation without prior approval will result in **automatic disqualification**.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be **male or female scholars** who have:
 - Graduated from **Shakamak High School**
 - Played **baseball or softball**
 - Lettered **at least 1 year in varsity baseball or softball**

Scholarship Award

- **One scholarship will be awarded for baseball and one scholarship will be awarded for softball.**

Selection Criteria

Applications are evaluated using the following criteria:

- Academic performance
- Completion and quality of community service
- Youth League participation and involvement
- Quality and effort of handwritten essay
- Verbal presentation and interview

Final selections are made by the **Scholarship Committee** and approved by the **Board of Directors**.