

Scholarship Announcement and Application Information

The La Crescent Community Foundation is pleased to offer scholarships with <u>different and</u> <u>unique criteria</u>. The successful applicants may not necessarily have a high GPA nor be involved in numerous extracurricular school activities but will demonstrate a commitment to authentic contributions to one's community. Applicants who have overcome life's challenges are especially encouraged to apply. The following scholarships are being awarded:

\$5,000 – Applicants attending a four-year post-secondary school

\$3,500 – Applicants attending a two-year post-secondary school

\$1,250– Applicants attending a two- or four-year post-secondary school AND have participated in the La Crescent/Hokah High School Girls' Basketball program during all or part of their high school years. This scholarship is made possible by the Living for Liz Organization.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for each scholarship listed above for which they are eligible. *Applicants must indicate which scholarship(s) they are applying for* and submit the following:

- 1. A cover letter that addresses the following:
 - Please, describe your life experiences including any obstacles that you have overcome to achieve your goals
 - How have your experiences influenced your plans for the future?
 - Everyone has their own definition of 'success.' Explain what that term means to you.
 - Describe any volunteer activities that have been *especially meaningful* to you. What impact have they had on the community?
 - What is one way in which you hope to make a difference in your family, school, and/or community?
 - Please describe any special circumstances that we should consider, including employment while going to school and other factors you think are significant.
- 2. Two letters of recommendation on your behalf:
 - Letters to be from non-related teachers, employers or other adults that know you from a nonsocial relationship.
 - Letters should give evidence of your character, motivation, attitude, and integrity.
 - Letters may be included with your application, or the writers may send them directly to us.

The application deadline is 4:30 PM, Monday, April 14, 2025 at the following address:

Scholarship Committee La Crescent Community Foundation Inc. PO Box 170 La Crescent, MN 55947

OR applications may be emailed with *Attention Scholarship Committee* on the subject line to: LaCrescentCommunityFoundation@gmail.com

*The scholarships will be distributed after the successful completion of one semester of higher education.

Eligibility Requirements

Spring 2025 or mid-year 2024-2025 graduates of La Crescent/Hokah High School or La Crescent/Hokah District Home Schooled residents or La Crescent/Hokah residents who attend high school outside of ISD 300.