



*SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

**HNEA Scholarship Committee  
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## 2026 HNEA Mary Jo Giessman Memorial Scholarship

Attention all Hazelwood School District seniors! As the primary representative body of HSD teachers, the Hazelwood National Education Association (HNEA) strongly supports our students' continued educational plans. This year, the HNEA will be awarding \$500 scholarships to select HSD seniors who are graduating in the Spring 2026 semester.

Seniors are asked to develop a project that shows how teachers have influenced, motivated, encouraged and shaped them. Furthermore, seniors are asked to show how teachers have encouraged them to continue their education after graduation.

All entries must focus on the message of teacher influence. Originality and clarity are very important. Students must complete the attached application and meet all deadlines in order to be eligible for this scholarship. Students will need to prove acceptance at a post-secondary educational institution.

Students may present **one** project for their entry.

- An essay of under 1000 words that shows the influence of a teacher or teachers.
- A video, multimedia, spoken word, or Powerpoint (or Google Slides) presentation of no more than three minutes that shows the influence of a teacher or teachers.
- A work of art such as a painting or sculpture that shows the influence of a teacher or teachers. Photos must be submitted of both process and final project
- A portfolio of work that shows the influence of a teacher or teachers.

Students who present entries such as artwork or other creative projects need to include a small (one to two paragraph) description of how their work reflects teacher influence.

Students are being given a tremendous opportunity to use their creativity and talent. The written word, media platforms, and fine arts are all possibilities. All projects will become property of the HNEA.

The decision for awarding the scholarship will be made by a committee of HNEA members. Everything on the application will be considered.

Scholarships will be awarded in May and paid via check directly to the student.

# Due Dates for 2026 HNEA

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- All completed applications, essays or projects are due on or before **May 1, 2026**.
- Judging and conferring of scholarships will be completed by **May 8, 2026**.
- Please turn in all applications, projects, and essays to Eric Wandzel at [ewandzel@hnea.org](mailto:ewandzel@hnea.org) via email by 11:59 pm on the above due date.

**Please make sure that all applications are complete. Incomplete or late applications/projects will not be accepted. Please use Kami or other PDF tool to complete this application.**

All essays, applications, and projects must be submitted electronically.

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**Application Form**

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

High School:      Central      East      Opportunity Center      West

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in Hazelwood School District: \_\_\_\_\_

What Hazelwood schools have you attended?

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Please list volunteer activities:

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All information will be verified by the Hazelwood School District administration.

Brief description of proposed entry:

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The following must be turned in with an electronic submission of the final project:

- 1) a scan, photo, or screenshot of a letter of acceptance to a post-secondary institution
- 2) a scan, photo, or screenshot of most recent report card

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Thank you for your interest and good luck!

Applications and projects must be turned in to the following teacher:

**Insert teacher information**

All completed essays or projects are due by the end of the day on Friday, May 1st.