



women's service league

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The Athena Education Fund of Women's Service League Benevolences

Founded in 2002, the Athena Education Fund was created to acknowledge and reward local Berrien County students. These young, high school students embody the altruistic spirit shared with The Women's Service League. The graduating seniors who have received this honor in past years comprehend the vital role that volunteering plays in every community. Previous beneficiaries, as well as future recipients, should have a proven track record for integrating philanthropic work as part of their high school career.

Each year, The Athena Education Fund awards one \$1,000 Educational Fund to one or more high school students in their senior year of study. The student(s) awarded will have demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism through many avenues including school, religious affiliation, private youth groups, community organizations and charities. Both males and females are eligible to apply. Applicants must live or attend school in Berrien County. Through this program, we hope to encourage every applicant to include philanthropic work as part of a life-long endeavor.

The History and Name of the Athena Scholarship

According to Greek Mythology, Athena, daughter of Zeus, is a fierce and brave protector who fights enemies to preserve the state and the home. Athena is the goddess of her city because she embodies wisdom, reason and purity. Her accomplishments represent strength, pride, bravery and resourcefulness.

Historically, Women's Service League was a Greek organization named "Tau Sigma," or "truth seekers." In honor of this Greek heritage, and in keeping with the attributes of Athena, the name of our Education Fund reflects that of the strong females in our community and especially the original seven women who founded Women's Service League.

2021
\$1,000 Athena Education Fund
from
Women's Service League



Please share this scholarship packet with senior students entering post-secondary education studies and seeking financial support. For more information about Women's Service League and the Athena Education Fund, visit www.womenserviceleague.org or contact Jamie Brooks, Athena Chairperson, at (248) 885-2955 or jamiebrooks4584@gmail.com

Athena Education Fund Application Guidelines

Qualifying candidates who meet the criteria will be announced in the spring of 2021 and will be awarded during the recipient's high school awards ceremony. The education fund will be paid directly to the recipient's post-secondary institution.

Criteria

The following criteria will be used by the Athena Education Fund Selection Committee to select the recipient. The successful applicant will:

1. Demonstrate active and current service as a volunteer.
2. Maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
3. Be a graduating senior from Berrien County planning to pursue post-secondary education in fall of 2021.
4. Verbalize personal and professional plans for the future in an interview (for those selected as finalists).

Information Required

- Completed application.
- Official high school transcript.
- One letter of recommendation **from a non-relative** (preferably from someone who can speak about your community service commitment.)
- List all extracurricular activities during high school including but not limited to service organizations and school clubs/teams. Note any activities, clubs, or sports in which you held a leadership position.
- One-page essay stating what you have gained from your past and/or present volunteering efforts. Describe how your service to the community sets you apart from others.

All applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2021**

Please do not staple the application materials or place into any type of binder. Mail completed application and support materials to:

**Women's Service League
Attn: Jamie Brooks
PO Box 873, St. Joseph, MI 49085**

For more information about WSL and the Athena Education Fund contact Jamie Brooks, Athena Chairperson, at 248-885-2955 or jamiebrooks4584@gmail.com

Applicant Information

Name

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip

Evening Phone _____ Cell Phone

Email address

High School

GPA _____ College of Interest _____

Guidance Counselor & Office Telephone

School Awards Ceremony Date

Parent / Guardian Names

Signatures

I acknowledge that the information in this application packet is correct to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that if I receive the Athena award, that it is for the purpose of post-secondary education. In the event that I do not enter a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2021, I will relinquish claim to the award. Additionally, I give permission to the Athena Education Fund Selection Committee to seek verification of any information provided in this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent / Guardian

Date