



WARREN "BILLY" CHERRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION -- 2025

This application must be received by Friday, March 7, 2025. Applications received after this date will not be considered. All materials are confidential and will be used exclusively for the selection of Cherry Scholars. If you have questions or need help filling out the application, please email Bill Speth (bill.cherryscholarship@gmail.com) or call Robert Reece, President, (847-612-7767). Please visit www.cherryscholarship.org for more information.

Please **e-mail** applications, transcripts and recommendation letters to:
Bill Speth - bill.cherryscholarship@gmail.com

Instructions

Complete this application or apply online at www.cherryscholarship.org/application-form/. **The application deadline is Friday, March 7, 2025. Applications received after March 7 will not be considered.**

TRANSCRIPTS:

- Arrange to have an official transcript sent from ETHS, plus transcripts from all other high schools, colleges, or universities you have attended. You must send a complete set of transcripts, even if you have applied before.
 - Request transcripts from ETHS and from appropriate offices at other institutions at least one month before the application deadline to give the school(s) time to process your request.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Arrange for recommendation letters from two adults with whom you have had a professional relationship within the past five years (teacher, counselor, coach, sponsor of an extra-curricular activity, job supervisor, clergy). Those who write these recommendations should not be related to you. Please ask them to e-mail their recommendation to Bill Speth at the address listed above.

Your application will be 'complete' when all transcripts and letters of recommendation are received. Transcripts and letters of recommendation must be received no later than March 14, 2025.

Qualifications

- Graduating senior or graduate of Evanston Township High School; ETHS student with G.E.D.
- Pursuing associates, bachelors or graduate degree in education or in a field that involves working with youth
- Enrolled as a full-time (at least 12 credit hrs. per term) or part-time (at least 6 credit hrs. per term) student

Selection criteria

- Success in overcoming poor academic achievement, lack of focus, or other personal challenges
- Interest in working with young people
- Community involvement
- Leadership, sensitivity, compassion, commitment, and love of children
- Demonstrated need for financial assistance

Important: If you are selected as a finalist, you must attend an **IN-PERSON** interview on **April 13, 2025**. Finalists who are not physically present for their interview on April 13 will not be eligible to receive a Cherry award. Please plan your schedules accordingly.

Please type or print your responses in black ink. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.

PART 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name _____ Former last name, if any _____

Street address _____ City, State, Zip _____

E-mail _____ Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Birthdate _____ Social Security # (optional) _____

I am applying as a: Full-time undergraduate student _____ Part-time undergraduate student _____
 Full-time graduate student _____ Part-time graduate student _____

PART 2: ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) _____

[If you are self-supporting (not dependent on parents or guardian), you may skip parent information.]

Number and ages of brothers _____ sisters _____

Your marital status: Single _____ Married _____ Separated _____ Divorced _____

Spouse's Name _____ Occupation _____

Number and ages of dependents, if any (how related?) _____

PART 3: ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES

<u>High School(s) attended</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates attended</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<u>Schools attended since high school</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates attended/Degrees</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

<u>Work experiences</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Dates employed</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please supply information about what you do outside of school - family responsibilities, community service and activities with other organizations (church or synagogue, teams, youth groups, drop-in centers).

<u>Dates Involved</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Description of what you did, titles, awards</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART 4: YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

What do you plan to study in school? How do you plan to use your college or graduate degree to work with young people in your community after you graduate? *(Please limit your response to 300 words)*

PART 5: ABOUT YOU

What are you most passionate about? *(Please limit your response to 200 words)*

Describe how you have successfully overcome poor academic achievement, a lack of focus or some other personal challenge and how that became a turning point in your life. *(Please limit your response to 300 words)*

PART 5: ABOUT YOU (CONTINUED)

Why should we select you to receive this scholarship? *(Please limit your response to 200 words)*

PART 6: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Demonstrated need for financial assistance is one of the criteria used to select Cherry Scholarship winners. This section is intended to document your financial need. Please provide as much information as possible.

Estimated college expenses, 2025-2026:

Name of school	_____	_____	_____
Tuition and fees	_____	_____	_____
Housing	_____	_____	_____
Books and Supplies	_____	_____	_____
Other Living Expenses	_____	_____	_____

How do you plan to pay for college or graduate school? Please list all the scholarships and/or financial aid that you have received or have applied for.

If others in your family are currently attending college, list school and expected graduation date(s).

PART 6: FINANCIAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Please provide your current occupation, employer, and annual income. Please indicate the amount of tuition assistance you expect to receive from your employer. (Respond "N/A" if this does not apply to you)

Is there other information about your family the committee should consider in evaluating your application for financial assistance?

The statements in this application are to the best of my knowledge correct and complete. I understand that withholding information or giving false or misleading statements may constitute grounds for denial or revocation of this scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____