

Return the completed application, essay and letter of recommendation to:

Village of Hanover Park
Attn: Sue Krauser
2121 Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133

APPLICATIONS DUE
DECEMBER 5, 2025

Giving Back to the Community



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630-823-5609 or visit our website
www.HPIL.org

On January 27, 2012, the Youth of the Year Award was named after Michael H. Coleman, a young Hanover Park resident who passed away on December 19, 2011 in a tragic car accident.

Michael Coleman was a model citizen who gave his all in everything he did including swimming, football and snowboarding.

Michael Coleman will always be remembered and we are proud to name our Youth of the Year Award in his honor.



2025-2026
Scholarship
Program

Michael H. Coleman

Youth of the Year



Hanover Park ^{USA}
America's Global Village

Recognizing Those who



Make a Difference

The Village knows there are several ways in which youth are involved in improving both themselves and the Village of Hanover Park and acknowledge those achievements by awarding a \$1,000 Youth of the Year Scholarship and four \$500 runner-up scholarships.

To apply, send in the completed application form and a one-page essay sharing with us how you have been involved in improving both yourself and the Village of Hanover Park. Please do not include your name or any personal identifiers in your essay.



Judging

Hanover Park's Village President, Village Clerk, and Board of Trustees will judge all applicants' submissions (application and essay) based on the following four criteria:

Academic Initiative

Student's initiative to excel academically through GPA, course load, AP/Honor Roll classes, etc.

Career Initiative

Student's initiative towards career goals.

Leadership Initiative

Student's initiative towards taking responsibility to take charge on projects or leadership roles.

Community Initiative

Student's initiative towards having a direct impact to the Village of Hanover Park.

Letter of Recommendation

Include one letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, employer, etc. The letter **may not** be submitted by family members.

To Qualify

The student must:

- Be a resident of the Village of Hanover Park.
- Be a member of the graduating class of 2026.
- Plan to continue their education at a university, community college or technical school.

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2025 – 2026 Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Scholarship Application

The Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Scholarship was established by the Village of Hanover Park to honor and recognize the contributions of graduating high school students who reside in Hanover Park.

Each year, Hanover Park high school seniors are invited to participate in this program. Although considered, academics are secondary to the student's involvement in serving the Hanover Park community.

Please ensure that all of the following documents are included with your submission:

- **Signed Application form** (2-pages)
- **Current complete transcripts of grades, including grading scale**
- **Proof of Residency** (*proof of residency must be a photocopy of either the student's Driver's License or State I.D.*)
- **Essay** (*Attach a one-page essay to application form. Essay should share with us how you have been involved in improving both yourself and the Village of Hanover Park.*)
- **Letter of Recommendation**

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