

Patte Thompson Scholarship For Dedication to Community Service

The Bourbonnais Friendship Festival, Inc, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to family-oriented recreation and to the financial support of numerous community organizations. This scholarship has been created to honor the memory of an individual who was a long-time dedicated volunteer. Patte was a kind, compassionate, courageous, determined person who had a passion to help. This was evident in the many organizations that she participated in even when she was fighting her own battles. Her fighting never give up spirit will live on.

It is the intention of the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival that this scholarship award be granted to an individual whose values reflect those of the late Patte Thompson and that the \$500.00 stipend is used to support current and future goals.

Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship the applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be active in community service projects and/ or volunteer opportunities.
2. A Kankakee County resident who is attending the college of their choice.
3. Preference may be given to Health care related majors

Recipient of this scholarship will be chosen on the basis of eligibility, application, essay and references.

Application Guidelines

- Application due on April 30, 2026
- Print or type application
- Essays are to be submitted in paper format and between 150-300 words.
- One letter of recommendation from an individual who is intimately aware of
- Applicant's involvement in community service.
- Include complete contact information

Mail completed application to

Bourbonnais Friendship Festival
Scholarship committee
Patte Thompson Scholarship
600 Main St. NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Patte Thompson Scholarship For Dedication to Community Service Application Form

Applicant Information

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Contact Information

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number (____) ____ - _____ Alternate Phone Number (____) ____ - _____

Email Address _____

School Information

College/ University Name _____

Graduation Date _____

What is your major area of study? _____

What are your post-graduate plans? _____

What are your future career plans? _____

Work & Volunteer Information

Did you work during high school/ college/university ____Yes ____No?

If so, where did you work and what were your job duties? _____

What extracurricular activities did you participate in at your school? _____

What are your hobbies and/or extracurricular interests? _____

If you could do one thing to make this community a better place, what would it be? _____

Describe in detail your involvement in community service and any volunteer opportunities that you were a part of: _____

References

List 1-3 individuals and their contact phone numbers who have worked with you in a volunteer capacity. Please have one of them submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf with this application.

Name_____

Project/Organization_____

Contact Number (____) ____ - _____

Name_____

Project/Organization_____

Contact Number (____) ____ - _____

Name_____

Project/Organization_____

Contact Number (____) ____ - _____

Essay

On a separate page, write an essay between 150-300 words answering the following question:
“Why is it important to volunteer within your community?”