



2026 GENE RUSSELL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Tri-State Sign Association is committed to advancing the sign industry in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma. The Tri-State Scholarship Program is for the member firms of the association, spouses and dependent children may also apply. This award can be used for any post-high school trade school, business school, college, or university during the summer or fall semester 2026. Scholarship awards will be announced no later than July 15, 2026, and a formal presentation of the award checks will be made during the Tri-State Sign Expo Hall of Fame & Scholarship Awards Banquet at the Downstream Casino Resort in Quapaw, OK on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

The applicant, applicant's spouse, or applicant's parent/guardian must have been employed by a Tri-State Sign Association member firm for one year as of January 1, 2026.

IMPORTANT. Please read carefully:

- APPLICATION MUST BE NEATLY WRITTEN IN PRINT or TYPED
- Do not staple the application
- All application materials must be submitted together as a single packet
- Check the criteria for scholarship eligibility carefully to be certain you qualify
- Applicants will receive a confirmation email of receipt of the application, if you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours, please follow up at the email below to ensure your scholarship opportunity

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

Cindy Proett
Lumineo Signs
1429 W. 4th
Hutchinson, KS 67501

OR

E-mail: cproett@lumineosigns.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2026

Completed application must be received by the Tri-State Sign Association no later than 11:59p.m., Monday, June 1, 2026.



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I. Member Company

Name of member company:

Member company address:

Name of the employee:

Relationship of employee to applicant (please circle): Self Spouse Parent Guardian

Start date of qualifying employee: _____

II. Applicant's Personal Information

Name: _____

Permanent address: _____

City

State

Zip

Date of Birth: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parent/Guardian address (if under 18): _____

City

State

Zip

III. High School Information

Name of High School (attending or graduated) City State Unweighted GPA Graduation Year

If diploma attained via GED, indicate city/state and date attained:



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IV. Post high school institute of higher education where you plan to enroll or are currently enrolled:

Name of college, university, business school or trade school

City/State

Attendance Dates

Unweighted GPA

Have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____

What is your intended major field of study? _____

What level will you enter summer or fall 2026?

Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Other (specify) _____

Will you enroll as a full-time or part-time student?

Full-time student (12+ hrs) _____ hours

Part-time student _____ hours

V. Personal Statement

Include a personal statement of 300-500 words, which highlights who you are, your current college/trade school plans, your future career goals, your financial needs and any other information which might help the committee know you and your situation better.

VI. Letter of Recommendation



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VIII. Certification

To Be Completed by Student:

I (We) certify that all the information on these forms is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge. If asked by an authorized representative of the Tri-State Sign Association Scholarship Program, I (we) agree to give documentation for information given on these forms. I (we) realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from receiving any aid.

Signature of Applicant:

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years of age):

_____ Date: _____



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IX. Tri-State Sign Association Scholarship Application Checklist

Prior to submitting your application, please ensure you have completed the following:

- I. _____ Member company
- II. _____ Applicant's Personal Information
- III. _____ High School Information (including Unweighted GPA)
- IV. _____ Institute of Higher Education where you plan to enroll, or are currently enrolled (including Unweighted GPA)
- V. _____ Personal Statement
- VI. _____ Letter of Recommendation
- VII. _____ Activities/Employment
- VIII. _____ Certification *must be signed by parent/guardian if under 18 years of age

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