

INDIANA ELKS VOCATIONAL GRANT

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

WHO MAY APPLY

1. Any Graduating High School Senior Student applying to an eligible Vocational program.

All applicants must be citizens of the United States of America on the date the application is filed.

Applications must be filed with a local Elks Lodge near the student's legal residence. A list of Indiana Elks Lodges is available at IndianaElks.org "Lodges by District".

Definition of an Eligible Program shall be comparable to that contained in the federal vocational legislation. It is defined as a two year or less vocational/technical program, culminating in an Associate Degree, Diploma or Certificate, but less than a Baccalaureate Program (Bachelor's Degree). Do not apply if you are planning to pursue an Associate Degree as a stepping stone to a 4-year Bachelor diploma.

Vocational Grants Expire 17 months from the date of Award ending on October 1 of the year following notification. Enrollment must be verified by the college/training school officials, at which time a check in the amount of the award will be forwarded to the school to establish a credit for the student. All funds must be paid to the school.

APPLICATION PREPARATION AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must use the Indiana Elks State Association application form which has been dated and signed by the applicant and a local Lodge official. Typed applications are preferred over hand written submissions and must be signed in all instances. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English.
2. Applicants must provide a statement summarizing activities, accomplishments, needs and objectives, which the applicant thinks will qualify them for the grant. It should not exceed 200 words.
3. Applicants should include any letters of recommendation from parents, educators or community references. Each should not exceed 150 words and must be signed by the author.
4. Exhibits: Should be neat, concise and in chronological order. Letters of endorsement, etc. should be removed from envelopes and bound flat, if mailed or hand delivered to the Local Lodge.
5. Order of Exhibits
 - a. Completed Application
 - b. Statement by the applicant.
 - c. Letters of Recommendation
 - d. High School Transcript (a copy of a certified transcript is sufficient)
 - e. Any other information which you feel will aid in judging and provide insight into your worthiness.

Applications may be hand delivered, mailed or emailed to the Local Lodge. Please be sure you have a valid email address before sending. If mailed via USPS or hand delivered, the application must be stapled on the left side and enclosed in a standard folder. Do not use any elaborate folders.

IMPORTANT: Your application must be in the hands of the local Elks Lodge prior to the deadline date of February 2, 2026.

After completing this application make a photocopy for your own records
APPLICATIONS BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE INDIANA ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION

INDIANA ELKS VOCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Last 4 digits of your Social Security # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____

Name of High School Attending: _____

School Address: _____

Year Graduating: _____

Grade Point (GPA): _____

I certify that the statements contained in this application are true.

Date: _____ Signature of Student: _____

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE REVIEWED BY A LOCAL LODGE TO BE ACCEPTED FOR JUDGING

The Scholarship/Vocational Chairman, Exalted Ruler, or Secretary of the Elks Lodge near the applicant's residence, must sign the Lodge endorsement, certifying that he/she has reviewed the application and verifies the accuracy of the statements. The application should not be endorsed if it does not conform to the requirements outlined in the application of required facts.

This application, with attached exhibits, has been received, the statement verified (to the best of my ability), and complies with the rules and regulations set forth by the Indiana State Elks Association.

Date: _____ Lodge Name: _____ No: _____

Signed: _____ Title: _____

Lodge Scholarship/Vocational Chairman, Exalted Ruler or Secretary

The Local Lodge should forward the application via USPS or email including attachments to one of the Scholarship co-Chairs:

Ted Sills, 210 S. 4th St., Decatur IN 46733 tasills59@gmail.com or

Nancy Wells, 7016 E County Rd. 525 S, Fillmore IN 46128 nancyjw1957@gmail.com

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Number of dependents in household: _____

Number of dependents attending college for the school year (2026/27): _____

Total House Gross Income including Student: \$ _____

Please explain any special circumstances on a separate sheet.

JUDGING WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Motivation – General worthiness, desire.
2. Need – Financial need, resourcefulness.
3. Skills – Showing aptitude toward chosen field.
4. Grades – High school grades and other vocational schools, test scores, etc.
5. Application – Completeness, neatness, and completely following directions.

**ALL INFORMATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY AVAILABLE
TO THE JUDGES OF THE VOCATIONAL PROGRAM.**

Two Year College or Vocational School you are planning to attend:

Address: _____

Date Course Begins: _____ Date Course Ends: _____

Vocational Goal (Give name of course study): _____

At Completion I will receive a(an): Associates Degree _____ Diploma _____ Certificate _____

Employment Record

Type of work	Employer	Date of Employment	Hours/Week
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Honors & Awards

Community Service

Use additional sheets if necessary