



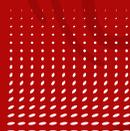
2026 COEA Scholarship Program 2026

Due May 1, 2026

Sponsored by the Central Office Education Association
Proudly representing unionized Buffalo Public Schools District
Administrators.

Providing financial assistance to college-bound Buffalo Public
School students.

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Eligibility Requirements:

- All student applicants must be graduating high school seniors in a Buffalo Public School.
- Graduating BPS high school seniors must be entering any college, university, or trade school in the Summer or Fall of 2026.
- All applicants must complete the application in full with an essay.
- All COEA scholarship applications, as well as supporting documents, must be postmarked by May 1, 2026.

What you need to be considered for an award:

- Complete the COEA Scholarship Application in full.
- Your typed essay (topic information below).
- A copy of your college/university or trade school acceptance letter must be provided prior to the disbursement of the scholarship.
- Incomplete Scholarship applications will not be considered.

Essay Requirements

Write a thorough and well-developed 200-250-word essay on the following topic:

- Family members, teachers, mentors, and others often play a significant role in shaping our lives. Identify the person who has had the greatest impact on you and describe how their influence has shaped your educational goals.
- 12 Point Font, Double Space, Maximum Word Count: 200-250
- All essays must have an introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Remember to proofread your work.
- All essays must be typed.

Handwritten essays will not be considered for a scholarship award.

Selection of COEA Scholarship Recipients and Notice to Applicants

All BPS high school seniors applying to a college or university in any major should consider the COEA Scholarship.

All COEA Scholarship Applications reviews will be conducted by the COEA Scholarship Committee. Each fully completed application will be assessed fairly using a scoring rubric that is based on the following criteria:

1. Academic standing
2. Strength of essay
3. Community or school service
4. Involvement in extracurricular activities
5. Honors, awards, and recognitions

The applicant will be notified if they have received a COEA Scholarship Award of \$500.00. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decisions by the last day of school in June. The COEA Scholarship Committee's decision is final.

COEA Scholarship Checklist

- A completed COEA Scholarship Application
- Your 200-250 word essay based on the required 2024 essay topic
- A copy of your college or university acceptance letter
- All COEA Scholarship Award applications must be completed in full via the Microsoft Form no later than **May 1, 2026**. Any application received after the deadline will be ineligible for review.

COEA 2026 Scholarship Application



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