The 2023

*Athena Education Scholarship Fund*

*$1,000 Award*

*from*

*Women’s Service League*



Please share this scholarship packet with senior students who will be entering post-secondary education studies and are seeking financial support.

 For more information about Women’s Service League and the Athena Education Fund, visit www.womensserviceleague.org or contact Janet Sullivan (269)861-2150 or jannsully@hotmail.com

**Application Guidelines**

Qualifying candidates who meet the criteria will be announced in the spring of 2023. Athena Scholarships will be awarded during the recipient’s high school awards ceremony. The education fund will be paid directly to the recipient’s post-secondary institution.

**Criteria**

The following criteria will be used by the Athena Education Fund Scholarship Committee to select the recipient. The successful applicant will:

1. Demonstrate active and current service as a volunteer.
2. Maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.
3. Be a graduating senior from a Berrien County high school who is planning to pursue post-secondary education in fall of 2023.
4. Verbalize personal and professional plans for the future in an interview (for those applicants who are selected as finalists).

**Information Required**

* Completed application
* Official high school transcript (Please include at least one marking period of your senior year)
* One letter of recommendation **from a non-relative** (Preferably from someone who can speak about your community service commitment)
* List all extracurricular activities during high school including but not limited to service organizations, school clubs, sports teams (You should note any leadership positions you have held within these activities)
* A one page, written, essay stating what you have gained from your past and/or present volunteering efforts. Describe how your service to the community sets you apart from others

**All applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2023**

Please do not staple the application materials or place them into any type of binder. Mail the completed application and support materials to:

**Women’s Service League**

**Attn: Athena Scholarship Committee**

**PO Box 873, St. Joseph, MI 49085**

*If you should have any questions, or for more information about WSL and the Athena Education Fund, contact Janet Sullivan, (269) 861-2150 or* *jannsully@hotmail.com*

**Applicant Information**

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**Signatures**

I acknowledge that the information in this application packet is correct to the best of my knowledge. I fully understand that if I receive the Athena award, that it is for the purpose of post-secondary education. In the event that I do not enter a post-secondary institution in the fall of 2023, I will relinquish my claim to the award. Additionally, I give permission to the Athena Education Fund Selection Committee to seek verification of any information provided in this application.

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Signature of Applicant Date

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