

## Community Service Requirement

Applicants must complete a **minimum of 200 hours of community service**.

Community service must be **verified** using the official **Community Service Verification Form** included in this packet.

Examples of acceptable service include:

- Volunteering with nonprofit organizations
  - Youth mentoring or coaching assistance
  - League volunteering (Bidly Ball, field work, events)
  - Community outreach or service projects
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## Essay Requirement

Applicants must submit a **handwritten essay (300–500 words)** responding to the following prompt:

**“Describe how your participation in the Shakamak Youth League and your community service experiences have influenced your personal growth, leadership development, and future goals.”**

Typed essays will **not** be accepted.

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## Verbal Presentation Requirement

All applicants are required to **appear before the Scholarship Committee** to verbally present and discuss their handwritten essay.

- Presentation dates and times will be scheduled after applications are received.
  - Applicants should be prepared to discuss their essay, community service, and future plans.
  - Failure to appear for the verbal presentation **without prior approval** will result in automatic disqualification.
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## Selection Criteria

Applications are evaluated using the following criteria:

- Academic performance
- Completion and quality of community service
- Youth League participation and involvement
- Quality and effort of handwritten essay
- Verbal presentation and interview

Final selections are made by the Scholarship Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

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### **Applicant Certification**

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that providing false information or failing to meet eligibility requirements may result in disqualification.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_