

Marie West Keller Memorial Scholarship 2026

The primary criteria for selection are academic achievement (a 90% weighted average or better) and financial need.

The application will require a personal essay and a listing of extra-curricular activities. Please note that the information listed at the bottom of this sheet must be submitted in order for an application to be considered. If the required documentation is not returned along with the typewritten application, the application will not be eligible for consideration.

Each student awarded the Marie West Keller Memorial Scholarship will receive a total award of up to \$40,000. It will be paid in equal installments of \$5,000 per semester for up to eight semesters for college - or university - issued tuition, room and board fees and expenses, or other such fees or expenses. Recipients must be enrolled full-time at a four year college or university. Recipients must also maintain a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 system measured at the end of each academic year.

Please be aware that if you qualify for an Excelsior Scholarship, you may not receive the full amount and in some cases, none at all. New York State adjusts scholarships based on other monies received and will reduce the Excelsior Scholarship accordingly. You may have to choose which scholarship is most beneficial.

Scholarship Application Information Checklist:

Do not submit this checklist page with your application

Completed typewritten application form

Financial need

Please attach **only** the **FAFSA Application Summary page** from your 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) documenting a valid Student Aid Index (SAI)

Student aid award letter from the college or university you will attend
(If the school has not issued you an award letter by the May 1, 2026 scholarship deadline, please indicate so, and forward the award letter to the scholarship administrator c/o 259 Sycamore Street immediately upon receipt.)

Applicant essay

2026 Marie West Keller Memorial Scholarship Application

Type directly on this fillable application prior to printing and submit it with the requested supporting documentation to the East Aurora High School Counseling Center by Friday, May 1, 2026.

Personal Data:

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Student's Phone: _____ Current Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Parent or Guardian Phone: _____

Financial Need:

Please attach **only** the **FAFSA Application Summary page** from your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) documenting a valid Student Aid Index (SAI) and a copy of your Student Aid Award Letter from the school you will be attending.

If there are any special financial circumstances that the committee should take into consideration when reviewing your application, please explain on a separate sheet and include it with this application.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Organizations:

Please list the **school-related** activities/organizations you have participated in and offices you have held during high school: *(If none, please explain separately.)*

Activity/Organization	Dates	Offices Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list the activities/organizations you've participated in **outside** of high school: *(If none, please explain separately.)*

Activity/Organization	Dates	Offices Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list the jobs you have held weekends or summers while attending high school and the length of time you held these jobs.

Place of Employment	Dates	Position
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

If you did not work during the summer, how did you spend your summer months?

College Plans:

Which college or university do you plan to attend in the fall?

Why have you selected this college/university?

If you do not intend to enroll in the fall, but will start at a later date, please explain:

Other:

Please attach a brief essay (250-500 words) on the following topic:

Describe how your life experiences, in school and/or out of school, have prepared you for college and beyond.

The essay must be typed.

I hereby certify that all information provided on this application is accurate and authentic to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission to East Aurora High School to release my transcript to the Marie West Keller Memorial Scholarship Committee.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Do not write below this line.

Academic Record:

Grade Point Average: _____

Counselors, please provide a complete high school transcript *which includes the first semester of the senior year.*

Provided by:

Counselor's Name (please print): _____