

HOW TO APPLY

Complete application, include:

- Cover page
- Essay questions - *no names or identifying information on these pages*
- Proper signatures
- Email Address

Submit to:

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce
329 North Main Street, Suite 102
Austin, MN 55912-0864

By: 3:30 pm December 15, 2017
in the Chamber office,
329 North Main (not postmarked).

8th Grade Scholarships

1st Place - \$500.00
2nd Place - \$375.00
3rd Place - \$250.00
(2 Awards)
4th Place - \$200.00



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APPLICATION PROCESS 8th Grade

- All applications received by the December 15th deadline will be reviewed, and 12 semi-finalists will be selected.
- All semi-finalists will be interviewed by our selection committee at the Chamber office between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 23, 2018.
- Six finalists will be chosen, and each will make a presentation on a topic of their choice to the selection committee between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Chamber office.
- One alternate will be chosen. If any of the finalists is unable to make a presentation on February 13, 2018, the alternate will be contacted to take their place.
- At each phase of the application process, the participant will be provided additional written information and instructions in advance.
- To be awarded an ACCESS Scholarship, a participant must complete all phases of the application process, according to the schedule outlined above. No exceptions.
- Awards will be presented to all six finalists at the ACCESS Scholarship Banquet, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 4, 2018 at the Hormel Historic Home. Family members are encouraged to attend.

ACCESS

8th Grade



Austin Area
Chamber of Commerce
Education Student Scholarship

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Business Education Partnership Committee

ACCESS Scholarship Guidelines

- All scholarships will be paid in cash on the day of awards banquet.
- This application and accompanying supporting documents become the property of the ACCESS Scholarship Committee.
- This scholarship is available to all Austin public, private and home-schooled 8th graders regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, status with regards to public assistance, disability or handicap.

**This scholarship is not based
on financial need.**

If you have questions, please contact the
Austin Area Chamber of Commerce at
437-4561.

ACCESS

**Austin Area Chamber of Commerce Education
Student Scholarship Application**

INSTRUCTIONS

Writing your application

- Applications are judged on overall content, grammar, punctuation and spelling, expanse on topic, examples that justify point, originality, research base, neatness, layout and flow.
- Your entire application, including your responses to the 3 essay questions, must be typed and limited to no more than four (4) 8-1/2x11 pages, one side only. Copy on each sheet should be double-spaced in a 12-point font and include one-inch margins.

Submitting your application

- Provide one copy of your cover page and four copies of the essay portion of the application. Bind your application together with a paper clip.
- Applications must be in the Chamber office, 329 North Main (not postmarked) by 3:30 p.m. on December 15, 2017.

COVER SHEET

The first sheet is your cover page and must contain only the following:

- Name, grade, address, phone number, student signature with date, parents' or guardians' names, and your best email address.
- Anticipated course of study or career interest after high school.

ESSAYS - Do not put your name or any identifying information on these pages.

Answer the following three essay questions:

1. **PERSONAL:** Sparks refers to the intrinsic interests, talents, and passions you have that motivate you to learn, grow, and contribute. Describe what your spark is and why.
2. **EDUCATION:** What famous quote describes your educational experience thus far and why?
3. **COMMUNITY:** If you were to recreate Austin's motto/community identity, what would it be and why?