



Sweet Connections of Kankakee
Scholarship for Special Education and Human Services Students

Application Deadline: April 20th, 2019

About the Scholarship: Sweet Connections of Kankakee Scholarship for Special Education and Human Services Students is awarded by Sweet Connections Kankakee. Two (2) scholarships are presented annually (\$500 per recipient for the school year 2019/20 paid in a single installment). One (1) scholarship will go to a recipient who has entered the Special Education curriculum and one (1) scholarship will go to a recipient who has entered a Human Services curriculum (including: Sociology, Special Education, Rehabilitation counseling, Psychology, Audiology, Speech/Language Pathology, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy). Students will send applications directly to Sweet Connections of Kankakee. Sweet Connections of Kankakee Board members will vote on eligible candidates.

About Sweet Connections Kankakee: Sweet Connections Kankakee, whose founders are passionate about inclusion and opportunities for children and young adults with special needs, is a non-profit company that gives young adults with and without disabilities the ability to work in a nurturing, understanding environment. Sweet Connections Kankakee also does outreach to other local organizations in a variety of ways that help people with disabilities reach their full potential in life.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Open to high school seniors in Kankakee County, Illinois.
- Students must be enrolled in a Special Education curriculum/Human Services curriculum at an accredited college or university.
- Limit one (1) scholarship per person

Application Requirements:

- Completed Application
- One (1) signed letter of recommendation from a current academic instructor or guidance counselor.
- Documentation of admission to an accredited college or university.
- Documentation of enrollment into a Special Education curriculum/Human Services curriculum via completion of one (1) semester.

Disbursement:

- Recipients will be informed of their scholarship award status within 90 days of application deadline.
- Funds must be claimed within 30 days of completion of the first semester.
- Scholarship award will be distributed to the recipient within 30 days of receipt of documented completion of one (1) semester of target program curriculum at the accredited college or university.



Sweet Connections Kankakee
2019 Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Current High School: _____

College/University: _____

Please answer the following questions: (Please attach a separate sheet)

- 1) Describe your experiences with people who have intellectual or other developmental disabilities. Please include any volunteer, employment and/or academic experiences.
- 2) Please provide a brief statement indicating how you became interested in becoming a professional in the field of special education/human services.
- 3) Describe your most meaningful achievement and how it relates to your field of study and future goals.
- 4) Please describe your educational plans. How will your continued education positively impact your involvement in fields related to intellectual and developmental disabilities?
- 5) What do you feel is the most important issue facing the field of special education/human services today? If you had the power to impact this issue in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?

Applicant Name (please print)

Applicant Signature

Date

All fields must be completed for the application to be considered.

Please email the completed application and any necessary additional documentation to:

sweetconnections-kankakee@gmail.com

In the Subject line, please state:

(Your Name) Sweet Connections of Kankakee Scholarship (Human Services or Special Education) Application

Deadline Date: 4/20/2019

Received: _____