

# The James P. Vrable Scholarship for Service to Others

## Application guidelines

### **1. Provide a one-page resume of your experiences volunteering with and/or leading charitable or service-based efforts.**

- a. Applicable experience must focus on time spent volunteering and/or leading and organizing a community service event, not just donating to it.
- b. A wide range of service activities are applicable as long as they focus on helping improve the lives or circumstances of individuals and the community at large. The applicant's work in this regard must be unpaid to count toward the scholarship. (For example, tutoring younger students would qualify only if done on a volunteer basis.)
- c. "Community" does not have to pertain only to the Greensburg area. For example, organizing a fundraiser for victims of a natural disaster in another state or country is entirely applicable.

### **2. Write a 500-word essay addressing your personal history of serving others, as well as your philosophy concerning altruism, and how you plan to continue your service to others in the future.**

The essay can be anywhere between 400 and 600 words in length. Applicants should attempt to personalize their essays and express the "why" of their efforts, not just rehash their resumes.

### **3. Include a letter of recommendation from a teacher who can vouch for your experience and character.**

- a. Letters should be one page in length. The sponsoring teacher does not have to be a 12th grade teacher or even one the student has had in class. The teacher must, however, be an employee of Greensburg Salem High School and have first-hand knowledge of the applicant as a volunteer. The same teacher may sponsor more than one student. A wide range of service activities are applicable as long as they focus on helping improve the lives or circumstances of individuals and the community at large. The applicant's work in this regard must be unpaid to count toward the scholarship. (For example, tutoring younger students would qualify only if done on a volunteer basis.)
- b. In order to avoid any conflicts of interest, this letter **must not** be written by Mr. Lenzi.

**Combine the resume, essay, and letter of recommendation into one, multi-page PDF for upload to [vrablescholarship.com](http://vrablescholarship.com). Application is due by March 14, 2025. Email [scottvrable@gmail.com](mailto:scottvrable@gmail.com) with questions or contact Mr. Lenzi.**