



## 2026 Memorial Scholarship

Thank you for applying for the 2026 Jessica Stevens Memorial Scholarship. Our friend, Jess, was a 2004 Twin Lakes graduate and passed away on October 29, 2019, from metastatic breast cancer. We created the Jessica Stevens Memorial Foundation to foster friendship, inspire charity, and empower families in our community. As a legacy to Jess's memory, we may fund a STEM scholarship for a White or Carroll County high school graduate, raise funds for her daughter's future college expenses, and give back to the surrounding community through this foundation.

Jess was devoted to her studies in biology and chemistry and served as Lab Manager at IU Health White Memorial for several years until her passing. We had been talking with Jess about developing a scholarship similar to this one, but she passed away before the details were finalized. She was excited about the opportunity to create a STEM-focused scholarship.

**Therefore, the Foundation would like to recognize White and Carroll County high school seniors pursuing a STEM (Science/Tech/Engineering/Math) major.** We wish to award a one-time \$500 scholarship to two White or Carroll County seniors who, as Jess did, share a passion for studying STEM.

### To qualify for the scholarship, you must be:

- A senior at any of the following White/Carroll County schools:  
Twin Lakes, Tri-County, North White, Frontier, Delphi, Carroll Consolidated
- *Currently accepted into an educational institution with a declared STEM major.*
- In good standing regarding discipline and attendance.
- Maintain near a B average GPA - **Please provide current transcripts from Parchment.**

We will choose the recipients based on the completed application, as well as a **letter of recommendation** and a **personal essay**.

Read further for the rest of the details.

**Please submit your signed application and necessary documentation by Friday, March 20, 2026**



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### Overall Requirements

1. **Completed and signed application**
2. **Letter of recommendation**, preferably from a current or former teacher/counselor, describing why you would be a good candidate for this scholarship
3. **Typed personal essay** (see below)
4. Must apply scholarship money towards school expenses (tuition, books, etc.) and provide documentation back to the Foundation within 14 days of expenditures to receive the check. Or, you may opt to have the check made directly to your college.
  - Write the check to my college, and we will send it.
  - We will provide documentation in order to receive the check.

### Essay Requirements

Jess's legacy inspires others to leave a mark of kindness and empowerment. Think about what legacy you hope to create through your STEM career, and how it will reflect your values.

**Your Job:** Typed, single or double-spaced, not to exceed 500 words; *include the word count at the end.*

**Respond to the following prompt:**

*How will your pursuit of a STEM degree allow you to strengthen and empower families/communities, especially in places like White and Carroll Counties?*

Please do not include any personally identifiable information. Submit your essay so it can stand on its own in the selection process. The essays will be kept anonymous and ranked by a common rubric.

### Application Assessment Rubric

**Is the application complete?**

**Was the complete application received by the deadline?**

**ESSAY:**

**Relevance** - Ideas are relevant to the essay prompt and stays on topic.

**Organization** - Clear beginning, middle, and end; flows naturally.

**Voice** - Does the voice feel authentic to the reader? Is it believable?

**Form** - Free of noticeable spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors.

**Followed Instructions** – Submitted with all criteria met.

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**Deadline for applications:** March 20, 2026

We wish you the best! We will contact the recipients in May. **Your completed application and documentation may be emailed to [president@jstevens.org](mailto:president@jstevens.org) or mailed to:**

JSMF President  
P.O. Box 61  
Monticello, IN 47960

### General Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name and contact information  
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### Educational Information

**Please attach your official transcript from *Parchment*.**

1. Post-secondary plan:  
The college you will attend next fall \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_
2. Attach a list of any academic honors, awards, and notable high school memberships and non-school-sponsored volunteer activities you've worked with in the community.

**I agree that the information stated above and in the attached documentation is truthful.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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### Media Release Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission to Jessica Stevens Memorial Foundation, LLC, to use my name for the following:

- Brochure(s);
- Email(s);
- Newsletter(s);
- Publication(s);
- Video(s)

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished electronic matter that may be used in conjunction with them now or in the future, whether that use is known to me or unknown, and I waive any rights to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the image.

I am 18 years of age or older, and I am competent to contract in my name. I have read the release before signing below, and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. I understand that I am free to address any specific questions regarding this release by submitting those questions in writing before signing, and I agree that my failure to do so will be interpreted as a free and knowledgeable acceptance of the terms of this release.

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street Address*

*Apt.#*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

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