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Brian Hess Scholarship Fund of Putnam County, Inc. Launches to Support Local Students

Scholarship Program Will Award One Graduating Senior from Each Putnam County High School

The Brian Hess Scholarship Fund of Putnam County, Inc. has been established to recognize and support graduating high school seniors who demonstrate strong character, leadership, integrity, and a commitment to their community.

Rooted in the values of service, dedication, and community involvement, the scholarship aims to invest in the next generation of leaders while supporting students as they pursue post-secondary education opportunities.

Each year, one graduating senior from each of the five high schools in Putnam County will be selected to receive a \$500.00 scholarship award to assist with college, university, trade school, or other accredited post-secondary educational expenses.

“As a parent with one child currently in college and another preparing to begin this fall, I understand firsthand the financial burden that higher education can place on families,” said Sheriff Brian M. Hess. “I wanted to create this scholarship fund to help ease that strain, even in a small way, for students and families here in Putnam County. Supporting young people who work hard, give

back to their community, and strive to better themselves is something I believe is incredibly important, and I'm proud to be able to invest in the next generation."

Applicants must be graduating seniors enrolled in a Putnam County high school. Recipients will be selected through a comprehensive evaluation process that considers academic performance, leadership, community involvement, character, and future goals.

Applications are currently open and must be submitted by June 1, 2026.

The Brian Hess Scholarship Fund reflects a commitment to empowering students who lead by example, overcome challenges, and strive to make a meaningful impact in their communities.

Application Information

Application Deadline: June 1, 2026

Scholarship Award: \$500.00 per recipient

Eligibility: Graduating seniors from Putnam County high schools

Application Link: <https://form.jotform.com/261204739653055>

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