



THE WIGGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

2026 Student Application

Jim and Emily Wigger were longtime educators in the Alton School District. Jim also served as a beloved coach in track and field who won an incredible three state championships in the 1960s. Jim and Emily left their indelible mark on both Alton students and our communities through their service, dedication and passion for teaching and learning. They were staunch advocates for the equity and inclusion of all students. To honor Jim and Emily's legacy, the Wigger Family has established a \$2,000 scholarship for a student pursuing a career in the service of community values.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- 1) Student will major in a field that will lead to a career in the service of community values.**
- 2) Student has at least a "B" average upon graduation.**
- 3) Student must provide documentation of community service hours, leadership experiences or other service commitments.**
- 4) Student has committed to attending a community college, college or university.**
- 5) Student provides two (2) letters of recommendation (teachers, community members, employers or others).**



JIM AND EMILY WIGGER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT NAME: _____ STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

CURRENT GPA: _____

COLLEGE MAJOR: _____

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY PLANNING TO ATTEND: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP INFORMATION:

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND/OR STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES:

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:



REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS - Please attach the following to this application form:

- Two (2) letters of recommendation (teachers, community members, employer, etc...)
- A list of community service, student leadership/peer supported activities – note that reviewers are looking at the quality of these activities and not just quantity.
- One-page essay that responds to the following prompt:

"Describe a time when you collaborated with individuals from diverse backgrounds. How did you foster a sense of inclusion and what lessons did you learn from the experience? How will you use this experience(s) to assist you in your future career?"

SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO THE ALTON HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MARCH 30, 2026.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. FOR QUESTIONS OR SUPPORT IN COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT [INFO@ALTONED.ORG.](mailto:INFO@ALTONED.ORG)