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U-46's Superintendent's Scholarship Supports the Journey to College for First Generation Students

U-46 graduating seniors encouraged to apply

As the members of the Class of 2019 begin to finalize their post-graduation plans, School District U-46 is preparing to support a new generation of college graduates through the 8th annual Superintendent's Scholarship program.

Since the program was established in 2012, more than 180 U-46 graduates have been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship through generous donations to the [U-46 Educational Foundation](#). The program is open to students whose parents did not graduate from a trade school, community college or four-year institution.

The Superintendent's Scholarship has helped students like Emily Renteria, students who want to take advantage of higher education opportunities that may not have been available to their parents. In 2018, Renteria graduated from Larkin High School and has gone on to study educational leadership at Illinois State University. Learn more about Renteria and the Superintendent's Scholarship through [this short video](#).

"We're proud of how the Superintendent's Scholarship program has grown each year," said U-46 CEO Tony Sanders. "We're especially grateful to every donor who recognizes the life-changing step these students are taking and rallies behind them with financial support and encouragement."

The 8th annual Superintendent's Scholarship reception and awards ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, in the library at Streamwood High School. During the reception, students awarded the Superintendent's Scholarship will be celebrated for their accomplishments. They will also be encouraged to practice their networking skills as they visit with donors and District administrators.



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Students who are interested in applying for the Superintendent's Scholarship can apply online through the District website. Applications for students are open until 11:59 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22. Students can apply on the U-46 website at <https://www.u-46.org/Page/9304>.

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. Nearly 39,000 pre-K through twelfth graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the U-46 [website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).