

# Robert E. Welsh Memorial Scholarship Crawford County Democrats

## Scholarship Application

The Crawford County Democratic Party is offering a scholarship for **one Crawford County senior graduating in 2026**. It is named to honor the memory of our former party chairperson, Robert Welsh. This scholarship will be worth \$500. In order to be eligible for the scholarship the student must illustrate commitment to the **ideals of democracy**: *Promoting peace, liberty, justice, human rights, equality, and the common good. Our strength as a country is determined by how well we treat all those who live within our borders.*

Name:

Date:

Address:

Parents:

Email:

Telephone:

High School you will graduate from:

Technical College or University you plan to attend:

Intended Program Major/Degree:

**Attach a typed essay that includes the following items:**

1. Rationale for applying for this scholarship
2. Career plans/Statement of career/life goals

3. Identify any involvement in community service activities, membership in political science club, student government participation, attending a local Democratic Party meeting, marching in a parade, participating in a political rally or protest, distributing fliers for a political candidate, working a phone bank/knocking doors in support of a candidate, attending local government/school board meetings to express your concerns, voting, encouraging others to vote, etc.
4. Select one current issue facing people in your community, state or nation. (*Examples: quality public education, strengthening democracy/protecting our rights, climate change/protecting the environment, gun safety/violence prevention, improving access to quality healthcare, lowering costs for food/housing/childcare, fixing immigration policy, worker's rights, AI/technology issues, etc.*)
  - a. Describe why this issue is important to you.
  - b. Provide details about actions taken/plans made which demonstrate your concern and commitment.
  - c. Include additional actions that you think could/should be taken by individuals or government to achieve a solution.

**In addition to your completed application and essay please include:**

1. Two signed letters of recommendation from persons (teacher, coach, employer, clergy person, advisor) who have witnessed your commitment to the democratic ideals listed at the top of page 1.
2. Proof of enrollment at a Technical College or University.

**Award:** Announcement of the scholarship will be made in a press release prior to graduation and will be officially presented to you at your school's Academic Award ceremony. Funds will be mailed to your address.

**Scholarship Deadline: Friday, April 10, 2026**

*Send or drop off completed application to:*

**Nancy Becker  
CCDPW Secretary  
145 Pedretti Pkwy.  
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821**