

Hungry For Wins Champion Scholarship

Hunger Impact Partners is piloting a school nutrition advocate scholarship award in five school districts in Minnesota. The scholarship is called the **Hungry for Wins Champion Scholarship**. The primary program objective is to increase school meal participation. Key strategies include developing and reinforcing nutrition messaging for success both on and off the field. The goal is to promote meal participation by encouraging schools to support programming, motivating students to eat school meals, and encouraging parents to enroll all eligible students in school nutrition meal programs.

Two scholarships will be awarded at each designated high school during the 2018-19 school year. Each scholarship award, in the amount of \$2000, is designated for post-secondary education and includes reimbursement of expenses, not to exceed \$500, to support implementation of the program. The scholarship program is being piloted in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Richfield, St. Cloud, and Duluth.

Qualifying students will submit a short 200-word essay addressing the importance of food security and meet the criteria below:

- GPA target of 3.0 or greater
- Upcoming senior with plans for post-secondary education
- Strong leadership, communication, and relationship skills
- Engaged in two or more school or community activities
- No unexcused absences, no suspensions, or referrals
- A personal interest in nutrition and healthy lifestyles

Principals will select the scholarship winners by November 1st, 2018. Once accepted, each scholarship winner will receive a detailed informational packet and a school administrative point person as well as support from Hunger Impact Partners, including Trent Tucker, to ensure success.



Hunger Impact Partners is a nonprofit organization focused on nourishing children so they get a healthy start to life to support their learning performance and health outcomes. Working statewide to remove barriers to access nutritious meals for Minnesota kids who struggle with food insecurity, Hunger Impact Partners invests and supports federal child nutrition program utilization for all eligible children living at or below poverty. The organization collaborates across sectors with educators, school officials, communities, businesses and philanthropies to support and connect hungry kids with school breakfasts, after-school snacks and suppers and summer feeding programs. www.hungerimpactpartners.org