



State of New York  
County of Broome Government Offices

Broome County Government Security Division  
Jason T. Garnar, County Executive · Brian R. Norris, Director

March 4, 2026

Dear Guidance Counselor,

I am pleased to announce that the Broome County Government Security Division is continuing the tradition of awarding the Joseph A. Griffin Memorial Scholarship. Each year since 2004 one graduating senior from a Broome County High School is chosen to receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship to assist them towards college tuition costs and to encourage them to continue their education and pursue their career goals. I am proud to announce that after discussion with the Griffin Family, we will now be offering this scholarship opportunity to two (2) graduating seniors from a Broome County High School. Qualifying applicants for this award must be furthering their education in **public service** such as criminal justice, forensic sciences, public safety, or governmental administration. Please encourage qualifying candidates to complete and submit the enclosed application including up to 3 letters of recommendation by **Friday April 3, 2026**.

This scholarship is available due to the continued commitment of the members of the Security Division and the Griffin family all to ensure that Joe's legacy continues. With over 30 years of service on the Kirkwood Town Board and 9 years with the Broome County Government Security Division, Joe served the people of Kirkwood and Broome County with the strongest sense of dedication, commitment and leadership distinguishing him as a model for all who seek public service. Joe Griffin's community involvement extended far beyond his government offices, including such other organizations as memberships in the New York State Association of Towns, the Binghamton Fraternal Order of Police, the Binghamton Elks B.P.O.E. #852, the Kirkwood Knights of Columbus, the Broome County Sportsman Club, the Independent Mutual Aid Society and the Kirkwood Democratic Club.

I appreciate your assistance in disseminating this scholarship information to your students and assisting them as needed through the application process. If you require any further information, please contact me at (607) 778-2107.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Norris  
Director of Security

Enclosure



## Joseph A. Griffin Memorial Scholarship Fund

Attn: Brian R. Norris, Director  
Broome County Government Security Division  
Broome County Office Building  
P.O. Box 1766  
Binghamton, NY 13902  
(607) 778-2107

### Application

(Please return by April 3, 2026)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Personal Information

Name of high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of your graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Year-end grade point average in; 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 12<sup>th</sup> (mid year) \_\_\_\_\_

Class rank as of the date of this application: \_\_\_\_\_

Where do plan to attend college? \_\_\_\_\_

What semester do you plan on attending: Fall/Spring Year: \_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

Have you declared a major? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

What is your major? (If applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Community Service Activity

Please list any activities that you have participated in through your high school career and specify your level of participation and the amount of time you devoted to this cause.

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**Career Goals**

Please list your career goals and discuss why you have chosen this field. Include what, if any influences you may have had that helped guide you into pursuing this profession.

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Please discuss how you believe being chosen as the recipient of this scholarship will help you achieve your career goals.

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Please summarize why you believe your high school accomplishments make you the correct candidate to receive this scholarship.

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**References**

You may ask up to three (3) people to provide a reference on your behalf using the recommendation forms provided. All completed recommendation forms must be mailed by the person providing the reference directly to the Broome County Government Security Division and received by **April 3, 2026**.

