



CHARLES KELLEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

The Charles Kelley Annual Scholarship was established by residents of Nahant and the Nahant Board of Selectmen in memory of Charles Kelley.

Charles Kelley served for 33 years as a selectman for the Town of Nahant, which is the longest in the town's history, and it is believed to be the longest in the modern history of Essex County.

Mr. Kelley's political career started when he was elected to the School Committee in 1950 at the age of 22. He served as chairman of the committee from 1952 to 1955 and was instrumental in the planning and building of the Johnson School.

When asked about his length of service, Mr. Kelley was quoted as saying "I'm not out to break records, I'm in politics because I love it and I hope I'm able to do something for my town."

The Board of Selectmen will vote on the submitted essays. All essays will be voted on blindly without the Selectmen seeing the applicant's name.

This Scholarship is available to Nahant Residents who have been accepted to a 2 or 4 year accredited college

Application Directions:

- Fill out the form below
- On a separate sheet of paper, answer the essay question. DO NOT include your name on the essay.
- Include a copy of your acceptance letter

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

High School: _____

Essay Question:

“WHAT DOES COMMUNITY SERVICE MEAN TO YOU”

Applications are due by Friday April 10, 2026 and can be mailed/dropped off to the Nahant Town Hall at the address below:

**Charles Kelley Scholarship
C/O Kristin Taylor
334 Nahant Road
Nahant, MA 01908**