2026-2027
Scholarship Application Checklist

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION for Mason County

A complete scholarship application has three steps: submit the online application, request a transcript be sent to the Community Foundation, and send us a FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) (provided you can complete the FAFSA). Be sure that you have completed all three parts—your application will not be considered until all three are complete!

The Community Foundation for Muskegon County manages our scholarship program, so you may be contacted by Muskegon staff.

- To begin, go to www.mason-foundation.org/scholarships
- Click on "Apply for a Scholarship," click on "Click Here to Apply," and then scroll down to "Create your account."
- Create login and password and write it down here:

  Login: _____

  Password: _____

- The deadline to submit your scholarship application, official transcript, and FSS is **February 11, 2027**

Other Tips

- You can save and edit your work at any time. Save often!
- Make sure to list any extracurricular activities, work & volunteer experience, etc.
- This one application allows you to be considered for multiple scholarships. So, apply!
- **Do not use your school email address**. Check your email. We will let you know via email if we are missing any pieces to your application.
- Scholarship award notices are sent out in April, and recipients are recognized at their high school awards ceremony. Current college students are notified by mail in June.
- Questions? Contact Martha Brown, Scholarship Program Coordinator, at 231-332-4118 or scholarships@muskegonfoundation.org.

Four Essay Questions (The application includes essay questions. Be detailed. Punctuation and spelling are essential.)

1. Explain your future education and career goals and how you have prepared to achieve these goals. (Make good use of the opportunity to tell us about yourself.)
2. What teacher, opportunity, or activity that you've been involved in has given you the most hope for your future?
3. Tell us about something you did that helped your community. (e.g., your school, neighborhood, church, community organization, etc.)
4. Explain any additional factors you believe should be considered in the review of your scholarship application (e.g., family circumstances, siblings in college, etc.)
5. Optional: If you cannot submit your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS), use this section to share any barriers you encounter related to your FSS. You may share additional context about your household financial circumstances we should consider.