

The Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program

The Mensa Foundation Scholarship Program awards more than \$140,000 in assistance every year to college-bound students around the globe. Scholarships are awarded based solely on 550-word essays expressing applicants' academic and professional goals and how their personal experiences will help them to accomplish those goals.

The **U.S. scholarship program** relies on approximately 450 dedicated volunteers around the country, with support from the Foundation's office staff. U.S. applicants need not be Mensa members. However, college-bound Mensa members and their dependents may also be eligible for one of several \$2,500 scholarships awarded each year through the Mensa Member Scholarship Program.

Rules and Guidelines

Emphasis in judging is placed on a goal statement that includes specific information on experience or steps taken toward the goal, persuasiveness (e.g., how your past achievements/experiences and your future planning increase the probability of reaching your goal), why you think that you will succeed, and also grammar, spelling and punctuation.

- Only one application is allowed per student in this scholarship competition.
- Applicants must intend to enroll in an accredited educational institution for the 2020 - 2021 academic year.
- Applicants must complete all required information on the entry form.
- Essays must be the applicants' original work and no more than 550 words in length.
- Essays must be entered via cut/paste on our scholarship application form on this website. Essays will be truncated to the limit specified.
- Essay submissions are stored and reviewed as "plain text" without additional markup. Please make note of this when crafting your essay.
- Applicants' names, addresses, and other identifying information **MUST NOT** be included in their essays.
- By submitting the form electronically via our website, applicants provide their digital signature certifying that their information and essays are their own work and that they have read these rules and guidelines. Please contact Director@mensafoundation.org if you are unsure of the status of your application.
- Applications must be submitted online on or before 11:59 p.m., CST (Central Standard Time) or 05:59, GMT (Greenwich Mean Time), on January 15, 2020.
- Application judging is done anonymously. The judges do not know who has entered the competition. If, by chance, you know a scholarship judge, do not contact that individual regarding the competition or your application may be disqualified. Instead, questions regarding the competition should be directed to Director@mensafoundation.org.

Scholarship Awards

General scholarships are listed below. Review the criteria for the other scholarships listed below and check those for which you meet the requirements. (If you do not meet the criteria, you are not eligible for that specific scholarship.) There may be multiple variations of the same award listed if it is offered multiple times. You may opt into each.

- ☐ **4 Paws and a Tail** - \$1000 - Restricted to graduate level studies or continuing education of an established veterinarian
- ☐ **Bob and Mary Ann Cox Scholarship** - \$500 - For a student who has been out of formal education for a period of six or more years
- ☐ **Carol Martinez Scholarship** - \$2500 - Pursuing a degree in information technology
- ☐ **David Mann Scholarship** - \$1000 - Study of aeronautical engineering or an aerospace field
- ☒ **Diana Mossip Memorial Scholarship** - \$600
- ☐ **Don and Virginia Prince Scholarship** - \$600 - Must be a U.S. military veteran or spouse of a veteran
- ☐ **Dr. Peter M. Kendall Science Scholarship** - \$600 - Restricted to the natural sciences (e.g., biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, geology, environmental science, forestry, pre-med, pre-dent)

- ☒ **Foundation Trustee's Award** - \$500
- ☐ **Greg Timmers Arts Education Scholarship** - \$600 - Fine arts, including applied arts (e.g., architecture, photography, ceramics, and textiles)
- ☒ **Grosswirth - Salny Scholarship** - \$600 - One award per region.
- ☐ **Harper Fowley - Isolated M Award** - \$600 - Study for an undergraduate liberal arts degree (B.A. or A.A.)
- ☐ **Helen Kupper Scholarship** - \$600
For a student pursuing a degree in the fine arts
- ☒ **J. F. Schirmer Scholarship** - \$1000 - Best in competition
- ☒ **Jerry Salny Memorial Scholarship** - \$600 - Next-best essay in competition that did not receive a national award or Mensa member award
- ☒ **Joe Zanca Scholarship** - \$600 - Next-best essay in competition that did not receive a national award or Mensa member award
- ☒ **Karen Cooper Memorial Scholarship** - \$600
- ☒ **Kuhnel Scholarship** - \$500 - One award per region.
- ☐ **Lester London Award** - \$600 - Graduate study in history
- ☐ **Margie Mandelblatt Award** - \$1000 - For a student in journalism
- ☐ **Margot Seitelman Memorial Scholarship** - \$1000 - Graduate student who plans a career in professional writing or teaching English grammar and/or writing
- ☐ **Mark J Glancey & John G Gray LGBT Scholarship** - \$1000 - Applicant must openly identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender
- ☐ **Rita Levine Memorial Scholarship** - \$600 - For a female returning to school after any absence of seven or more years – may be re-enrolled at time of application.
- ☐ **Rosemary Greathouse Scholarship** - \$600 - For a student pursuing a degree in the arts, including creative writing and journalism
- ☐ **STEM Scholarship** - \$2000 - For natural and applied science, technology, engineering, and math majors (including medical and health sciences majors)
- ☐ **The Skinner HELL's M's Memorial Scholarship** - \$500 - Interpersonal communications, mediation, or related study
- ☐ **The Sylvia Scholarship** - \$600 - Pursuing a degree in the natural sciences or mathematics
- ☐ **Walt and Mary McGrew Scholarship for Veterans** - \$1000 - For a U.S. military veteran

Online application and information can be found at <https://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>