
Mason Scholarship Foundation is offering an **\$8,000 Four-Year College Scholarship** grant for 2024 High School Graduates who reside in the Mason City School District. The Mason Scholarship Foundation Four Year College grant is awarded as \$2,000 for the first year and is renewable annually at \$2,000 for each of the remaining three years (totaling \$8,000 over four years.)

Selection Criteria

- Student must reside in the Mason City School District or attend Mason High School.
- Minimum 2.50 Cumulative GPA, academic ability and motivation to compete on a college level.
- Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate commitment to community service, strong educational motivation, leadership skills through their activities in school, faith organizations, youth groups, volunteer efforts, and work experience.
- Financial need (see below.)

Scholarship Application Process

- Student must forward one package formatted in PDF or .docx of the following by email to masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com. **Application package must include:**
 - **Application,**
 - **Personal Statement, and**
 - **ACT or SAT scores, if applicable.**
- **Grade Transcripts** are required and should be submitted to the Mason Scholarship Foundation from school personnel.
- While we highly suggest 3 Letters of Recommendation, a **minimum of two Letters of Recommendation** are required (see below) to consider you eligible for the scholarship.
- Additional information that will assist in the selection process is the **FAFSA conclusion page** for financial aid.
- Finalists will be asked to come for an in-person interview with our Board of Trustees.

Financial Need

Financial need will be a consideration in the selection process. We encourage you to submit information including your FAFSA conclusion page to demonstrate financial need.

Letters of Recommendation

Choose three people to write letters of recommendation for you, and with whom you are confident will complete them by the deadline. It is strongly recommended that two letters be submitted directly to the Mason Scholarship Foundation from a teacher or other school employee and one letter come directly from an adult who knows you through work or volunteer activities. While we do highly suggest you get three letters of recommendation as part of the application package, a **minimum of two letters of recommendation** must be received by March 15, 2024 to consider you eligible for the scholarship. **A letter of recommendation must be received directly from the writer to the Mason Scholarship Foundation at the email address below.**

Email all application materials and direct any questions to: masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com

Deadline: All materials must be received by March 15, 2024.

Student Name: _____ **High School Attending:** _____
Permanent Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____ Parent Phone: _____
Email address: (please provide an email other than your school email) _____

Name of Parents/Guardians:

Father: _____
First Middle Last

Employed by: _____
Occupation

Mother: _____
First Middle Last

Employed by: _____
Occupation

Ages & Names of Brothers/Sisters _____

I reside with: Mother & father _____ Mother only _____ Father only _____
Legal Guardian _____ Other (explain) _____

College Information

What college or institution do you expect to attend? _____

What is your proposed major or area of study? Explain: _____

Do you plan to continue your education elsewhere after graduation from the above program?

Explain: _____

College Costs and Finances

What is the first total year cost? (Please detail) _____

What is the breakdown of the first year cost? Tuition _____ Room & Board _____

Miscellaneous: _____

What dollar amount have your parents/guardians committed to contribute to the above costs? _____

What is your personal dollar contribution to this cost? _____

How do you expect to earn your contribution? _____

List loans and scholarships applied for: (If more than 6, please include all on separate sheet.)

<u>Loan or Scholarship Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Annual/One time?</u>	<u>Awarded? Yes, No or Pending</u>

Are you employed and, if so, how many hours do you work per week, during the year or summer? Explain:

What is your current annual income from your job/s? _____

Do you plan to work during college? _____ Explain: _____

List your extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, church groups, service, etc) both at school and in your community.

Include the number of years you participated and what role you played. List any awards and honors you received. (If more, please include all on separate sheet.)

Important Requirement: Student Personal Statement:

On a separate typed document write a minimum of 300 words about why you selected your proposed program, your plans and goals for the future both short and long term. You should also include and other information about yourself, your family and background, your leadership and volunteer experiences, and any other information which will help the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your potential and need.

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