

**2025 Two-Year
Scholarship Application**
*for students pursuing an Associate Degree or
certificate program at a technical or trade
school*

Mason Scholarship Foundation is offering a **\$2,000 Two-Year Scholarship grant for 2025 High School Graduates who reside in the Mason City School District.** The Mason Scholarship Foundation Two-Year Scholarship grant is awarded as \$1,000 for the first year and is renewable at \$1,000 for the second year (totaling \$2,000 over two years.)

Selection Criteria

- Student must reside in the Mason City School District or attend Mason High School.
- Student must seek to continue education at a community college, junior college, or qualified certificate program at a technical or trade school.
- 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 needs to include:**
 - **Application, and**
 - **Personal Statement.**
- **Grade Transcripts** are required and should be submitted to the Mason Scholarship Foundation from school personnel.
- **Letter(s) of Recommendation** are required (see below.)
- Finalists may be asked to come for an in-person interview with our Board of Trustees.

Letter(s) of Recommendation

Choose a school employee or your employer to write a letter of recommendation for you, and with whom you are confident will return the letter directly to the address below. It is strongly recommended that one letter 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. A minimum of one letter of recommendation must be received by April 11, 2025 to consider you eligible for the scholarship. We do strongly suggest you get two letters of recommendation as part of the application package. **Letter(s) of recommendation must come directly from the writer to the Mason Scholarship Foundation.**

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.

Email all application materials to: masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com

Please direct any questions to: masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com

Deadline: All materials must be received by April 11, 2025.

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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) _____
U.S. Citizenship Status: (Check one that applies) U.S. Citizen: _____ Legal Permanent Resident: _____ Non-Resident: _____

Parents/Guardian(s) Information:

Father: _____
First Middle Last

Employed by: _____ Occupation: _____

Highest Level of Education Completed: _____

Mother: _____
First Middle Last

Employed by: _____ Occupation: _____

Highest Level of Education Completed: _____

Ages & Names of Brothers/Sisters _____

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

Program information

What college, institution, or program do you plan to attend? _____

What is your proposed area of study? _____

How long will it take to complete your program or degree? _____

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

Explain: _____

Program Cost and Finances

Please provide the information requested below for each area –Cost and Anticipated Funding – for each of the program(s)/college(s) you are considering attending so your application provides a complete financial summary. If you are including more than one program/college, please add in the order of your attendance preference (i.e. your top preference is in Institution 1 and so on.)

If more than 2 programs/colleges are being considered, please include all on a separate sheet.

Institution 1 Name:	<i>(enter program/college name)</i>		
Cost		Anticipated Funding	
Tuition	\$	Your Personal Contribution	\$
Room & Board	\$	Parents & Family Contribution	\$
Fees	\$	Discounts provided by Institution	\$
Other: (describe here)	\$	Loans	\$
Other: (describe here)	\$	Scholarships	\$
Other: (describe here)	\$	Grants	\$
		Other: (describe here)	\$
Total Cost	\$	Total Anticipated Funding	\$

Institution 2 Name:	<i>(enter program/college name)</i>		
Cost		Anticipated Funding	
Tuition	\$	Your Personal Contribution	\$
Room & Board	\$	Parents & Family Contribution	\$
Fees	\$	Discounts provided by Institution	\$
Other: (describe here)	\$	Loans	\$
Other: (describe here)	\$	Scholarships	\$
Other: (describe here)	\$	Grants	\$
		Other: (describe here)	\$
Total Cost	\$	Total Anticipated Funding	\$

How do you expect to earn your contribution? _____

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 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>

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 any other information about yourself, your family and background, and your community service experiences, and please provide any other information which will help the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your potential and need.

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