

Mason Scholarship Foundation is offering a **Vocational Scholarship grant for 2025 High School Graduates** who reside in the Mason City School District and are pursuing a qualified certificate program at an accredited vocational institution for a program lasting up to two years. The Mason Scholarship Foundation Vocational Scholarship grant award amount will be based on the program cost and financial need of the applicant but will not exceed \$2,000 over two years (up to \$1,000 per year.) Any awarded scholarship is paid to the vocational institution on behalf of the enrolled award recipient.

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Student must reside in the Mason City School District or attend Mason High School.
- Student must seek to continue education at a qualified certificate program at an accredited 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](mailto: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**

A minimum of one letter of recommendation must be received by August 1, 2025 to consider you eligible for the scholarship. We do strongly suggest you get two letters of recommendation as part of the application package. It is required that one letter be submitted directly to the Mason Scholarship Foundation from a teacher/school employee or from an adult who knows you through work or volunteer activities. ***Letter(s) of recommendation must come directly from the writer to the Mason Scholarship Foundation at the email address below.***

#### **Financial Need**

Financial need will be a consideration in the selection process. Please complete the *Program Cost and Financials* section of this application. We encourage you to submit information including your FAFSA conclusion page to demonstrate financial need, if available.

**Email all application materials to:** [masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com)

**Please direct any questions to:** [masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com)

**Deadline: All materials must be received by August 1, 2025.**

**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 institution, or program do you plan to attend?** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is your proposed field of study?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How long will it take to complete your program?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Start Date of Program:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expected End Date of Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Cost and Finances**

What is the total cost? (Please detail) \_\_\_\_\_

If the program is more than one year, what is cost by year? First Year \_\_\_\_\_ Second Year \_\_\_\_\_

Detail any 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? \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost Breakdown** – Complete the areas below that apply to detail the cost of the program you plan to attend

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

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

**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:

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What is your current annual income from your job/s? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you plan to work during your educational program? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.)

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**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 after completion of the educational program. Please provide details regarding the program being pursued, purpose of the funds, timing when the funds are needed. You should also include any other information about yourself, your family and background, as well as your community service, leadership skills and work experiences. Please provide any other information which will help the Scholarship Committee to evaluate your potential and need.

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