

Mason Scholarship Foundation is offering **\$2,000 Vocational Scholarship** grants for 2026 High School Graduates who reside in the Mason City School District in Ohio 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 in Ohio or attend William Mason High School (OH.)
- 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. **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.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to complete any part of the application process is strictly prohibited.

Letter(s) of Recommendation

A minimum of one letter of recommendation must be received by July 31, 2026 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 and direct any questions to: masonscholarshipfoundation@gmail.com

Deadline: All materials must be received by July 31, 2026.

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)	\$
			Total Anticipated Funding	\$
Total Cost	\$		Unfunded Need	\$

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)	\$
			Total Anticipated Funding	\$
Total Cost	\$		Unfunded Need	\$

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 your educational program? _____ 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 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. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to complete any part of the application process is strictly prohibited.

Deadline:

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