



# Shine: Play It Forward

## The Scholarship where Character Counts

### Paper Application

If you cannot complete the application online you may complete this application by typing or handwriting the information requested. Submit: [brendashine@me.com](mailto:brendashine@me.com) **no later than midnight, May 10, 2026.**

#### **PART ONE: Personal Information**

Applicant's Last Name:
Applicant's First Name:
Applicant's E-Mail Address:
Best Phone Number to Reach Applicant:
Applicant's Home Mailing Address:
Name of Applicant's High School:
Mailing Address of High School:
Telephone Number of High School:
Name of Applicant's School Guidance Counselor, Coach, Teacher, or Reviewer:
E-Mail Address of Applicant's School Guidance Counselor, Coach, Teacher, or Reviewer:

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## **PART TWO: References**

Provide contact information for three references who know you well enough to attest to your character, especially the information you provide in your Character Statement. We do not recommend choosing relatives as references unless there are extenuating circumstances. Do NOT provide written references with your application.

Reference #1 Name:
Phone number (essential):
E-Mail address (if available):
How do you know this person?

  

Reference #2 Name:
Phone number (essential):
E-Mail address (if available):
How do you know this person?

  

Reference #3 Name:
Phone number (essential):
E-Mail address (if available):
How do you know this person?

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## PART THREE: Character Statement

Shine: Play It Forward Scholarships are awarded to individuals who demonstrate these four core principles of exemplary character:

- **Concern:** Communicating compassion and a caring attitude toward others.
- **Responsibility:** Demonstrating commitment and conviction through your actions.
- **Integrity:** Acting ethically and remaining true to your personal values.
- **Courage:** Taking risks and following your conscience with fearlessness.

The Character Statement is your opportunity to tell us about YOUR character in YOUR own words. In your statement, please include stories/specific examples from YOUR life that you believe accurately illustrate YOUR character. Aim to convey how YOUR character has been shaped and challenged by experiences and events. What you choose to write here will be all that we will know about you; please be detailed.

The structure of the Character Statement includes six prompts. Please respond to the prompts in 6 numbered sections of up to 150 words each. Number your responses in order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) so we can associate them with the prompts.

If you would prefer to write a narrative essay, please identify the prompt responses within the essay (i.e. [#1] directly after the appropriate section).

1. Explain why you should be considered for a scholarship based on character. (Up to 150 words)
2. Concern: Provide an example or examples of how you showed compassion and caring for others. (Up to 150 words)
3. Responsibility: Share an example or examples of commitment and conviction when you acted to take responsibility for a problem, issue, or situation. (Up to 150 words)
4. Integrity: Share a situation or situations when you showed personal integrity by acting ethically or remaining true to your values. (Up to 150 words)
5. Courage: When have you needed to call on courage? Share an instance or instances where you showed personal courage. (Up to 150 words)
6. What else should the committee understand about you that makes you a person of character? Use this section to add an example, a story, or information that further clarifies or illustrates your character. Consider your passions, values, or key influences on your life. If you provide a link to a website as part of your application, please also explain how this relates to your character.

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