

# Madison High School Alumni Association Scholarship Application

The MHSAA Scholarship awards non-renewable scholarships to graduating seniors. Recipients are selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service to their community. The scholarship was established by Madison Alumni to recognize the efforts of deserving students and provide financial support for their pursuit of a higher education which includes 4-year college, Junior college (2-year), Community College or Trade School.

## **APPLICANTS MUST:**

1. Graduate by August 2027.
2. Have GPA of 2.0 or above.
3. Complete application form and essay.
4. Document community activities.
5. Confirm admission to a post-secondary certified program prior to August 2027.
6. Submit official digital copy of high school transcript to [mhsmarlinsalumni@gmail.com](mailto:mhsmarlinsalumni@gmail.com)
7. Provide 1 letter of recommendation (*can be from school representative, clergy, community and/or civic representative, or any non-relative who knows you well*).
8. Complete interview with scholarship panel.

## **IMPORTANT TIPS:**

Applications are reviewed and evaluated in various categories/ areas - on a weighted average (points awarded in each category). Failure to complete any portion of the application greatly reduces your chance of being awarded a scholarship. For example, failure to list community service will lower overall points – possibly enough to eliminate you from competition.

Examples of categories are:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| *Complete Application | *Scholastic Achievement | *Community Service | *Recommendation Letter |
| *SAT/ACT              | *Leadership             | *Future Plans      | *Essay                 |

## **OTHER SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- Make sure your cumulative grade point average appears on your transcripts.
- Make sure the entire application is filled out.
- Have someone proofread your application and essay for grammatical errors and clarity.
- Only send the materials requested - do not include copies of awards, certificates, etc.
- E-mail application before the deadline. Date on email when received is date of submission.
- Make sure everything is attached - don't e-mail items separately.

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 5, 2027**

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION:

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Full Name:                          |                 |
| Email Address:                      |                 |
| Cell Number:                        | Address:        |
| Home Number:                        | City/State/Zip: |
| Date of Birth:                      | State of Birth: |
| Employer - Position/Hours-Per-Week: |                 |

## FAMILY

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): |                   |
| Email Address:                 |                   |
| Cell Number:                   | Address:          |
| Home Number:                   | City/State/Zip:   |
| Number of Brothers/Sisters:    | Ages of Siblings: |

## EDUCATIONAL PLANS:

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| <b>Universities/College(s)/Schools</b> to which you have been accepted for admission: |  |
| School you plan to attend:                                                            |  |
| Educational Goals:                                                                    |  |
| Field of Study 1:                                                                     |  |
| Field of Study 2:                                                                     |  |
| Future Profession:                                                                    |  |

**CURRENT EDUCATION:**

[illegible]

## ACTIVITIES/AWARDS:

**Community Service/Volunteer Activities** (*church, home, etc.*). Indicate community organizations you actively participated in during each grade year. Also, indicate hours of volunteer service for each activity. Note that these can be school related but should not duplicate any responses you made in any previous section of the application.

| Name of Activity | Grade/Year | Hours per Week | Brief Description |
|------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
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**Honors and Awards:** Tell us about the honors you received. Indicate whether they were on a local (*school, county, or district*), state or national level. These awards may be outside of school activities but should not be duplicated in any other area of the application.

## VERIFICATION

**Contact Information of Counselor verifying accuracy of above information.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY - Choose one topic

*(Must be written in your own words, and at least 250 words. Any suspected AI generated essays will be automatically disqualified.)*

- A) Describe a challenge you have faced in your life. How did you overcome it, and what did you learn about yourself in the process?
- B) In what ways have you contributed to your school or community, and how do you plan to continue making a positive impact in the future?
- C) Identify a problem in your school, community, or the world that matters to you. What creative solution would you propose, and how would you implement it?



# Madison High School Alumni Association Scholarship Application CHECKLIST

In addition to a completed application form, the following items should be attached in your email for your application to be considered (check boxes below to indicate items are included):

- ☐ One (1) Recommendation Letter (*CANNOT be from a family member*)
- ☐ High School Transcript (official copy)
- ☐ SAT or ACT Test Results (official copy, or as part of high school transcript)
- ☐ ESSAY - Write a complete response to one of the provided essay topics.  
Answer must meet minimum criteria of at least 250 words.

## SIGNATURES

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please adhere to the March 5th deadline.  
Incomplete or late applications will NOT be  
considered!*

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
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