

MCRW-Mason County Republican Women Scholarship Application



Thank you for applying for the scholarship offered by the Mason County Republican Women. The MCRW has been providing scholarships to deserving students for colleges and trade schools for more than 35 years to recognize and promote conservative values. These values, established by our founding fathers, encompass the following: Freedom, Limited Government, Quality Education, Opportunity for All, Principled Innovative Leadership, Strong Families, and Encouragement of Capitalism with Personal Responsibility.

This year the MCRW Club is pleased to announce we are awarding two \$1,500 Scholarships to the best applications submitted for consideration. We have selected three (3) topics of interest for you to choose, explore, and write a 500-to-1500-word essay. You can choose to write on one topic, two topics or all topics.

Essay Topics are:

1. **Civic Responsibility & Citizenship:** Discuss the importance of civic responsibility in a constitutional republic. How do individual actions—such as voting, community involvement, respect for the rule of law, and personal accountability—help preserve freedom and limited government? Provide examples of how young citizens can positively impact their communities.
2. **Leadership, Integrity, and the Future of America:** Describe the qualities of principled and innovative leadership. Why are integrity, accountability, and service essential traits for leaders today? Discuss how these values can help address current challenges while preserving the freedoms established by our founding fathers.
3. **Are American Universities Becoming Too Politically Polarized?** Over the past two decades, U.S. universities have increasingly become focal points in the broader national debate over free speech, ideology, and political identity. Discuss whether American colleges and universities — once seen as neutral spaces for intellectual exploration — have evolved into politically divided environments. Discuss what concerns you may have and how you will engage in student groups when you attend university.

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The scholarship application and all supporting documents are listed below and shall be completed by the student, handwritten, or typed. **INCOMPLETE AND LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** The essay and all supporting documents shall be received by email or mail **NO LATER** than 5:00 pm on **April 15, 2026.**

- MCRW Scholarship Application**
- Essay**
- Resume, including school & extra-curricular activities, as well as awards received**
- Release Form**
- Attach at least one (1) letter of recommendation.**

Email completed application to:

mmorris22@att.net

If you do NOT receive an email that your application has been received, please call
Michelle Morris

OR

Mail completed application to:

MCRW

Attn: Michelle Morris – Scholarships
P.O. Box 1186 Mason, TX 76856-1186

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Student's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

If you are at least 18 years of age, are you a registered voter?

- Yes
- No

Name of Parent / Guardian: _____

Parent / Guardian's Phone Number: _____

What is your proposed major or field of study? _____

List the colleges or trade schools you have applied to:

College/Trade School Name & Location	Have you been accepted?

What college or trade school do you plan to attend? _____

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Release Form

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS CAREFULLY.
SIGN AND DATE BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.**

I hereby certify that the application and all submitted documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I permit MCRW to verify the information that is contained in this application. I hereby authorize MCRW to obtain copies of my transcript from my high school and I give the MCRW permission to use my name in any release of information to the media for public relations purposes of the MCRW PAC.

Student Authorship Statement

I hereby affirm that all documents I have submitted in this application are entirely my own original work. I have not received unauthorized assistance, used artificial intelligence tools, or copied material from any source without proper citation. I understand that submitting work that is not my own violates academic integrity policies and may result in disciplinary action.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Type your full name above to sign

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
Type your full name above to sign

If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Michelle Morris
Email: mmorris22@att.net
Phone: 832-444-2630

We look forward to your participation in our program!

MCRW-Mason County Republican Women Essay Information



FORMAT

Length: 500 to 1500 words (accurate, concise, well-organized)

Title: Give your essay an original title and put that title on each page of your essay.

Double space your essay. Number pages in the upper right-hand corner. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY PAGES. The scholarship committee will be judging each essay anonymously.

JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS

Content: The information in your essay, its meaning and how it communicates your ideas. You can include experiences, facts, comparisons, or explanations to give meaning to the content of your essay.

Originality/Individuality: Your own vision and ideas about your topic or topics. Be creative in telling a story or explaining an idea in terms of your own experience and research.

Patriotism: Note items you think are special about America and what makes you proud to be an American citizen.

Clarity: Logical organization, precise word choice, simplicity of language.

Grammar: Spelling, sentence structure and organizational flow.

SOME FINAL GUIDELINES

Be sure to attribute quotations or ideas from other sources to the original author. Make your writing creative and individual by illustrating and describing your ideas. You can tell a story, prove a point, research or visualize an idea. Use a format you are comfortable using in your writing. Keep in mind that journalists write stories that answer these 5 questions: "How?", "When?", "What?", "Where?", and "Why?". We look forward to reading your essay.