



**2026**

## Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc. Scholarship Application

Please complete the application in its entirety.  
Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship awards.  
The postmark deadline for this application is April 30<sup>th</sup>,  
2026

**Purpose:** To provide scholarships to deserving area youth that have need of financial assistance, are active in supporting the community in which they live and show an eagerness to achieve by intending to pursue post-high school coursework at either a college, university, or other post-secondary educational institution.

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is to be postmarked by April 30, 2026 (no exceptions).
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, statement of need, essay, etc.) **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered.
6. You will be notified by email in mid-May regarding the status of your application.
7. If you have any questions about the application, please contact a member of the Anna Maria Island Privateers Board of Directors or the Scholarship Committee Chair at [scholarships@amiprivateers.org](mailto:scholarships@amiprivateers.org)
8. The Anna Maria Island Privateers' policy is to "renew scholarships" to students that have maintained a GPA of 3.0 or higher, confirmation of continuing education, submitted an up-to-date 20hr minimum community service log, as well as continued to demonstrate positive attributes exhibited on the previous scholarship application(s), and reapply each year meeting all criteria. (*up to 4 years maximum*)
9. Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student's college or university account upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

### Criteria:

1. Applicants must be a resident of Manatee County.
2. No applicant can be of blood relations to any member of the Anna Maria Island Privateers Organization, past or present.
3. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior or enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution in the year of the scholarship award.
4. Applicants must demonstrate positive involvement, determined by letters of recommendation and other requested documentation.

### Application Process:

Applicants must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Three (3) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
3. An official and recent high school and/or college/university transcript with cumulative grade point average.
4. Minimum 500-word essay. In your essay, please write on the topic posted in the Essay section of this application.
5. Statement of Need. Please list reasons why scholarship funds are needed for the furtherance of your education.
6. **RENEWING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS** need ONLY provide:
  - a. The first page of the application form.
  - b. A current transcript showing a 3.0 GPA has been maintained. If your GPA has fallen below 3.0, please provide a statement as to any mitigating circumstances which may have contributed to the lower GPA. Scholarships will not be renewed if the GPA is below 3.0 and a letter of explanation has not been provided.
  - c. Provide the 20hr minimum, signed community service log.
  - d. Please verify your current college ID and billing office address or provide the new information if you are changing schools.

**Please mail the application to:**

Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc.  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 184 Oneco, FL 34264



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Please type or print your answers. If the application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

Last Name:

Middle Name:

First Name:

Mailing Address:

Street Address: (if not the same as your mailing address)

Email Address:

Telephone Number:

Date of Birth: (month, day, year)

Current School:

Years attended:

I will be attending the following school in the **Fall of 2026**:

I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one)

**Freshman   Sophomore   Junior   Senior**

Grade Point Average (GPA): (On a 4.0 scale)

Please attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript required.

**RENEWING APPLICANTS ONLY:** Your most recent official school transcript required.

ACT Score OR SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Your ACT or SAT score on your official high school transcript is acceptable. Otherwise, please provide a copy of the official score notification form.



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<p>Name &amp; address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Use reverse side of application if you need more space.)</p> <p>Mother: _____ Father: _____</p> <p>Legal Guardian: _____</p> <p>Address: _____ Home Phone: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Siblings Name(s):</p> <p>Other family members residing in the home:</p>	
<p>Name and city of other high schools attended, if applicable.</p>	<p>Number of years attended:</p>
<p>If decided. What specialty/major and/or minor do you plan to study as you continue your education?</p>	
<p>Comments:</p>	



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Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information, educational goals, academic honors, and community service activities as requested. Incomplete applications will not be considered for scholarship awards.

	What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
	Do you have academic honors, awards, and membership activities while in high school if so, please list:
	What are your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

<b>To complete your application, please check that you have prepared the following:</b>	
	<b>Application:</b> Your application has been filled out completely and legibly.
	<b>Essay:</b> On a separate sheet, please write minimum 500 words on the following topic:  Please describe why you feel you deserve this scholarship.
	<b>Three (3) letters of recommendation.</b>  Return these completed forms as an attached document from your teachers or professors.
	<b>Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.</b>  A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds. If you have not decided on your accredited post-secondary institution at this time, we will require the information no later than July 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026 for funds to be distributed.
	<b>Most recent high school transcripts.</b> Photocopies of your transcript are <u>not acceptable</u> .  School counselors may email scholarship committee: <a href="mailto:scholarships@amiprivateers.org">scholarships@amiprivateers.org</a>
	<b>Statement of need.</b>  On a separate sheet, please describe what circumstances in you, or your family's life have led to the financial need for this scholarship.



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**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above-mentioned information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that, if selected, my picture and name may be used for publicity purposes in connection with this scholarship, or to promote the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc. Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that, if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Inc. Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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