

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MORGAN COUNTY

2021 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

The Community Foundation of Morgan County (CFMC) offers nearly 50 unique scholarships with varying requirements and benefits. All these scholarships use the same online application form and are **due by 4pm EST on Thursday, January 7, 2021**.

Apply Here: <https://smr.to/p69305>.

We know it can be stressful to apply for scholarships and think about future plans. But take a deep breath: we're here for you! This is the one-stop-shop for information on every scholarship we offer. We've got helpful tips, resources, and answers to all your questions.

To be eligible for any CFMC scholarship, students must be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at an accredited public or private non-profit institution of higher education.

Please note that listed award amounts may be subject to change.

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If you cannot find answers to your questions here, please contact Community Foundation of Morgan County's office at 756-813-0003 or via email at jschwarz@cfmconline.org.

Please note that questions must come directly from the student.

2021 PROGRAM INFORMATION

Apply at <https://smr.to/p69305> by 4pm on Thursday, January 7, 2021.

Winners will be announced in May.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ANY MORGAN COUNTY RESIDENT

These scholarships are available for current college students, graduating high school seniors, or non-traditional students:

Benjamin Elo Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$5,000)

For a varsity athlete with a 3.0 minimum GPA who intends to pursue a 4-year degree. Applicants must exhibit good citizenship, be involved in their church, and be involved in community service. Applicants must have participated in the Ben Elo Memorial Soccer Camp or be Morgan County residents. Two additional references and an additional essay required.

Dorothy Asher Scholarship (Multiple @ \$3,000)

For students pursuing higher education to become an elementary school teacher.

Gordon Leigh Speer Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

For a senior graduating from any high school in Morgan County or Indian Creek High School who intends to study at The Rose Hulman Institute of Technology. Preference given to students studying engineering. The goal is to assist students of high academic achievement and potential.

Judge James E. Harris Scholarship for Children in Need (1 @ \$700)

The Harris Scholarship was established in honor of Judge Harris's service to Morgan County upon his retirement in February 1999. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide educational support, either academic or vocational, for abused or neglected children.

Memorial Scholarship in Memory of Dr. Julia Foster & In Tribute to Jeff Hunsucker (1 @ \$2,000)

For students with at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA who intend to pursue a career in the medical field (open but not limited to medicine, pre-med, nursing, physician assistant studies, physical therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy, etc.).

Newburn-Asher Scholarship (Multiple @ \$2,000)

For students pursuing higher education in a health care field.

Sergeant Dan Starnes Memorial Scholarship (2 @ \$1,500)

For a student pursuing a 2 to 4-year degree or an applicant wanting to continue their education in law enforcement, criminal justice, public safety, or a closely related field. Applicants must have a 2.0 minimum GPA, demonstrate academic promise, and have demonstrated financial need. Preference given to students with work experience, good character, community involvement, and a healthy lifestyle. This scholarship has potential to be awarded for multiple years. Additional short essay required.

SSG. Wm. Ryan Fritsche Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$2,000)

For a student with at least a 2.5 GPA who exhibits good character and citizenship and is interested in public service work, such as: law enforcement, medical work, social work, child services, etc. Additional references and essay required.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING FROM EMINENCE

Eminence Alumni Association Scholarship (1 @ \$1,500)

Academic Scholarship: For students with at least a 3.0 GPA. Vocational Scholarship: For students with at least a 2.3 GPA. For students with demonstrated financial need.

Meaghan Buis Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,500)

For a student graduating from Eminence High School. The recipient shall have a GPA of at least 3.2 and shall have participated in the Eminence High School girls' or boys' basketball program.

Meredith Knieper Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$2,000)

The Meredith Knieper Memorial Scholarship will directly benefit a Morgan County high school student from Monroe-Greg School, MSD of Martinsville, Mooresville Consolidated School Corp, and Eminence Community School based on a 300-600-word essay. In her too short but remarkable life, Meredith Knieper demonstrated a sense of personal excellence, characterized by a sense of purpose, focus and determination. Describe for the Committee your vision of personal excellence, your plan of action for achieving it, and the role your education will play in your plan.

Stierwalt Scholarship (1 @ \$1,500)

For a student with proven moral character and a high-class rank who intends to further their education at a college or university in Indiana.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING FROM INDIAN CREEK

Emily Downey Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,500)

For a student with average or below-average grades from Indian Creek High School, without requirement as to county of residence.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING FROM MARTINSVILLE

Ann Haworth Memorial Scholarship (3 @ \$2,500)

For a student ranked in the upper ¼ of the graduating class who participated in orchestra and/or choir during grades 10 through 12.

Bob Staggs Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$500)

For a student with at least a 2.5 GPA who was involved in sports activities in school and who is interested in a career in sports broadcasting, sports marketing or sports medicine. Applicants should explain this interest and their career goals in an essay. Applicants must exhibit good character, respect for others, and good citizenship in their sports activities and within school. Additional references required.

Bob Williamson Scholarship (2 @ \$500)

For student-athletes graduating from Martinsville High School. Applicants for this scholarship must show distinguished achievement in athletics, with one scholarship going to a Martinsville football player and another going to a female competing in IHSAA sports.

Freeman Goss Scholarship (2 @ \$1,000)

For a deserving Martinsville High School senior who has taken business courses or been otherwise involved with the high school business curriculum.

When G. Hochsteler Scholarship (3 @ \$500)

This scholarship provides tuition assistance for a graduating student with career plans related to industrial arts. The award for payment of fees or tuition will be made to the student's choice of technical college, trade school, 2- or 4-year college or university, for either a degree or certificate. High moral character, good citizenship, ambition and determination to succeed, financial need, exhibited diversity of technical education, and enthusiasm and respect for industrial endeavors.

John E. Koontz Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$500)

For students who exemplify a vision of personal excellence both academically and athletically. This scholarship is given preference to student athletes.

John R Wooden Scholastic Scholarship (2 @ \$1,000)

This scholarship is awarded annually to a Martinsville High School student athlete who has excelled academically and displayed the high moral character and faith-based attitudes exhibited by John R. Wooden.

Maggie Grounds Scholarship (1 @ \$1,500)

For a high school senior entering the field of architecture, contracting/building engineering, traditional drafting, architectural computer-aided design or another very closely related field of study. Preference will be given to a female.

Martinsville Memorial Scholarship (2 @ \$1,000)

This scholarship is for a student in the upper ½ of his or her class. Be accepted by a trade, technical, business school, or college/university. Receive no other major (large) scholarship. Be involved in at least one extracurricular activity in high school. Be considered on basis of academic and extracurricular achievement with financial need a determiner if all other qualifications are equal.

Martinsville Rotary Scholarship (1 @ \$1,500)

For students who will attend a 2 or 4-year higher education institution.

Meredith Knieper Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$2,000)

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Robert D. St. Clair Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$13,853)

For a graduate of Martinsville High School. Criteria: 3.0 GPA, shall demonstrate good character and financial need, and shall enroll in and attend a 2 to 4-year program at a vocational/technical school or at an accredited college.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING FROM MONROVIA

Cheryl Owens Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

For a first-generation student attending college and has a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Linda Huttsell Academic Scholarship (3 @ \$1,000)

For students in the upper ½ of the graduating class with strong moral character and demonstrated academic achievement. Preference given to students with demonstrated financial need.

Meredith Knieper Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$2,000)

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Mooresville Kiwanis Curry Overton Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

Preference given to students from Mooresville and Monrovia and the surrounding areas. Preference to students selected to Kiwanis "Student of the Month" and students who have participated in service projects. Applicants should exemplify living by the Golden Rule and have earned a GPA of 2.5 or greater.

Ted and Berta Romine/Monrovia Masonic Lodge #654 Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

For a student who wishes to pursue an education in a trade school or technical training area (ex: auto mechanics, law enforcement, healthcare, nursing, or electronics). A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. Preference given to students who explain their goals after school and why they chose their area of study. Preference given to students with financial need.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING FROM MOORESVILLE

Charles F. & Olive B. Flater Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

The recipient shall demonstrate overall academic preparedness; the ability to communicate future educational plans and the reasoning behind those plans; the ability to adjust to new learning and living environments; and exemplary ethical and moral conduct as relates to school, fellow students and faculty.

Jennifer Tipmore Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$500)

To honor Jennifer's memory, the Jennifer Tipmore Memorial Scholarship Fund was established here to provide a scholarship each year for a student graduating from Mooresville High School. The recipient of this scholarship must have a GPA of at least 3.0, demonstrate good character and financial need for assistance. Additionally, the successful recipient intends to enroll in and attend a 2 to 4-year program at a vocational/technical school or an accredited college or university.

Joe Beikman Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

This scholarship will benefit a Mooresville High School Senior planning on attending a trade school.

Meredith Knieper Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$2,000)

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Mooresville High School Alumni Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

For a student with demonstrated financial need whose parent or grandparent is also a Mooresville High School alumnus. Applicants should give an example of how they confronted or overcame a specific challenge.

Mooresville Kiwanis Curry Overton Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

Preference given to students from Mooresville and Monrovia and the surrounding areas. Preference to students selected to Kiwanis "Student of the Month" and students who have participated in service projects. Applicants should exemplify living by the Golden Rule and have earned a GPA of 2.5 or greater.

Owen L. Prescott and Dorothea I. Prescott Scholarship (1 @ \$1,500)

For a student seeking a 2 to 4-year degree. This scholarship will be based upon the character, need, and high school record of the applicant.

Sara Ryan Memorial Scholarship for Elementary Education (1 @ \$1,000)

A Mooresville high school senior should be pursuing a career in education (preference to elementary education). Financial need will also be considered.

Steven Lee Robert Terrell Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

For a student who has participated in athletics who is seeking to continue their education. Preference given to students with financial need.

TOA-USA Scholarship (1 @ \$1,500)

For students with demonstrated work ethic seeking to enroll in a post-secondary educational institution. One need-based scholarship and one merit-based scholarship will be awarded.

Velma M. Hackelman-Mendenhall Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,900)

For a student pursuing a 2 to 4-year degree in education with a 2.5 minimum GPA.

OTHER LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Home Bank Scholarships (3 @ \$1,000 plus an additional \$500 to a non-profit of choice)

- For graduating high school seniors who hold an account at Home Bank.
- More Info: Tana Lobb, tlobb@homebanksb.com

Artie Fest (\$1,000)

- For a senior graduating from Martinsville High School, Tabernacle Christian School, or be a homeschooled Martinsville resident.
- More Info: Application can be downloaded from www.artiefest.org, or may be picked up from the Guidance Office at Martinsville High School.

Brummett Star Scholarship (\$1,000)

- For graduating senior who has supported the local community.
- More info: www.artiefest.org

Martinsville Chamber Scholarship (\$1,000)

- For homeschooled seniors or seniors graduating from Martinsville High. Morgan County residents attending Indian Creek High School are also eligible. **Due to COVID-19, this scholarship is tentative for 2021. Please contact Martinsville Chamber for details.*

Mooresville Chamber Scholarship (2 @ \$1,000)

- For high school senior attending Mooresville or Monrovia High School with aspirations to participate in a post-secondary education program in university.
- More info: www.mooresvillechamber.com

John D. Rudd Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

- For high school seniors in Brown, Clay, Johnson, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, and Putnam counties who live in an SCI REMC household and contribute to Operation RoundUp.

Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (\$500)

- For any student attending an Indiana institution with at least a 2 year program. Requires a letter of recommendation written by Patty Dow.
- More Info: pdow@aol.com and/or high school guidance office

Morgan County Beef Cattle Association (\$1,000)

- For any student attending an Indiana institution with at least a 2 year program
- More Info: pdow@aol.com and/or high school guidance office

Networking Business Women of Morgan County (\$1,000)

- For any female graduating high school senior.
- More Info: Lori Craig @ lori.m.craig@gmail.com

Ivy Tech Morgan County Scholarship (Tuition)

- For Morgan County residents/employees
- Rolling deadline.
- More Info: Mooresville Learning Center, 317-916-7660

Ivy Tech Community College Morgan County Scholarship

- For Morgan County student resident attending Ivy Tech Community College
- Need based.
- Apply on MyIvy Portal (Set-up through Ivy Tech)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Our easy-to-use online application platform is Smarter Select. You'll be able to see all application criteria and create an individualized account. After creating an account, you can save information to your application and see any incomplete sections. Even if you submit the application early, you'll be able to edit the application up to the deadline. You should receive automated emails from the system confirming application creation and submission: you may need to check your spam folder.

HOW CAN MY PARENTS HELP ME WITH THE APPLICATION?

We encourage parental support during the scholarship application process. Parents can help proofread essays or extracurricular activity summaries.

It is expected that students take full responsibility for completing their own application by the deadline. All information in the application must be written by the student. In compliance with privacy laws, we can only answer questions coming directly from the student.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR IN APPLICATIONS?

We assess the following application criteria. Other information is collected for record-keeping, communication, or due diligence purposes.

- **Academic Performance:** Factors such as unweighted GPA, class rank, SAT/ACT/AP scores (if available), rigor of courses, and academic honors will be used.
- **Extracurricular Involvement:** Evaluators often assess the quality and quantity of extracurricular, community, or work activities. Leadership positions, a longstanding commitment to an organization or an activity, well-rounded involvement, and substantial community service are all good to have.
- **Essay:** A strong essay will clearly explain personal and professional goals, include specific examples of involvement, and will use proper spelling/grammar/punctuation. Outline, proofread, and proofread again!
- **Reference:** Only one reference will be required for most scholarships. The reference form can be completed by any non-family community leader or educator. Be sure to ask your reference writer well in advance of the deadline.
- **Financial Need:** Some scholarships consider financial need. Students applying for these scholarships must complete an essay. A strong essay will clearly explain how receiving a scholarship will not only impact their lives but the lives of their family in relation to financial need.

CAN I APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT SCHOOL OR PROGRAM I WANT TO ATTEND YET?

Yes! We know that plans change (or may not even be formulated yet). That's okay. Just give us an idea of what you're thinking about pursuing at this point and explain what you're looking for in a future college or career.

I HAVE TAKEN THE SAT/ACT MULTIPLE TIMES: WHAT SCORE SHOULD I INCLUDE?

There is only space to put one test score: list your highest overall score. This should be a composite score. Don't break it down into categories (like math, science, English).

HOW SHOULD I WRITE THE ESSAY?

Tell us why you deserve a scholarship. You could consider this like a cover letter for a job application: tell us about who you are, what you want to do in the future, what past experiences you've had, and why you would represent Morgan County well. You have a maximum of 500 words, but you don't have to use them all: remember that the scholarship committee is reading LOTS of these essays. Keep it interesting but get to the point. Some tips:

- Outline your thoughts before you start writing this will help keep your essay clear and concise. Don't forget transitions!
- Consider breaking the essay into paragraphs or sections:
 - First, you could present your particular skills, achievements, or strengths. Tell us about who you are. Use action verbs and concrete results. For example, if you helped raise money for a charity event, tell us exactly how much.
 - Then explain why you are applying for the scholarship. What do you want to study, what postsecondary institution do you want to attend, and how will that translate to your future career?
 - Third, explain why you've chosen this path. What specific experiences helped you identify or develop your passion?
 - Finally, be sure to explain why this scholarship would help you achieve your goals. Why should the scholarship be "invested" in you?
- The order is completely up to you but be sure to answer each part of the prompt. Specific examples are better than generic statements. *Show* the committee what you're talking about, don't just *tell* them.
- There is no required citation style for the essay. However, you should be consistent throughout. Proper grammar, correct spelling, and accurate punctuation are a must. Talk to your English teacher, guidance counselor, or parent about proofreading your essay. They may catch an error that you didn't see.

WHO SHOULD I ASK TO COMPLETE MY REFERENCE FORM?

You only need one reference for most scholarships. This can be a teacher, employer, coach, pastor, scout leader, or any other educator or community leader who can provide feedback on your personal character, work ethic, and potential to succeed in college. This cannot come from someone related to you. Once you put your reference writer's information into the application, it will automatically send them a link to complete the reference online.

You should ask your reference writer right away. Many educators and community leaders are asked to complete multiple references, so the earlier you ask, the better chance you have that they will agree and be able to complete the form on time. You should provide them with any information they may need to complete an accurate recommendation (you may want to remind them of your relevant coursework, community/work involvement, or future aspirations).

You will not be able to see the information provided by your reference, but you will be able to see when it has been completed. It is your responsibility to talk to your reference and remind them of the January 7th deadline. Remember to thank them for helping with your application!

WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT PRIVATE?

The Foundation will only gather and store information reasonably necessary to make award determinations, to communicate with educational institutions regarding enrollment, check processing, and related matters, or to otherwise comply with laws regarding use and storage of educational information. These laws include but are not limited to: Indiana Code §§ 20-3-7-3(e), Indiana Code §§ 21-12-12-1, and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g. Select information will only be seen by the Scholarship Committee, Interview Committee, and Foundation program staff as appropriate. Basic information about the scholarship winners and finalists (name, school, intended course of study) may be shared with news outlets or on social media for publicity purposes.

ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AUTOMATICALLY RENEWABLE?

No. Each scholarship is a one-time award paid directly to your higher education institution in Fall 2021, though you can re-apply for certain scholarships each year. Violations of the Character and Citizenship criteria at any time, including violations occurring on dates up to and including the date the funds are transferred to the educational institution, may result in investigation and temporary withholding of funds, as well as possible subsequent withdrawal or termination of the award.

Character and Citizenship Criteria: These criteria require scholarship recipients to be of upstanding character and to display good citizenship. This includes, but is not limited to: accountability (honoring commitments, being responsible for decisions, accepting consequences and admitting mistakes), showing a drive for excellence (having a good work ethic, getting results, showing continuous improvement, putting in time above basic requirements, and being involved in the community), respect (showing good judgment and not showing inappropriate behavior, treating others fairly, listening to others and accepting their input, living up to promises made to others, maintaining self-control, and exhibiting consideration for others), and integrity (honesty, trustworthiness, caring for others, being ethical).

HELPFUL WEBSITES

➔ WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid online

➔ WWW.INDIANACOLLEGE COSTS.ORG

College Costs Estimator tool for any college in Indiana

➔ WWW.FINAID.ORG

Lots of information, glossary of terms, scholarship search and more links

➔ WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

Provides information on various aspects of college preparation

➔ WWW.LEARNMOREINDIANA.ORG

Offers information on Indiana colleges and universities, scholarship opportunities, etc.

➔ WWW.ICINDIANA.ORG

Link to all 31 private colleges in Indiana with tuition and enrollment information

➔ WWW.COLLEGEPOSSIBLE.ORG

Great resource guide for parents and students

➔ WWW.FASTWEB.COM

One of the largest free scholarship searches

➔ WWW.COLLEGENET.COM

Large database of free scholarship searches

➔ WWW.WIREDSCHOLAR.COM

Access to College Aid Sources for Higher Education, one of the oldest scholarship databases

➔ WWW.COLLEGEVIEW.COM

Offers an extensive financial aid search

➔ WWW.STUDENTAID.ED.GOV

Federal information on scholarships/grants, loans, state financial aid, work-study, and military funding