

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MORGAN COUNTY

2025 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 Friday, January 24, 2025**.

Apply Here: <https://smr.to/p99301>

We know it can be stressful to apply for scholarships and think about your future plans. 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 degree or trade (2-year degree) at an accredited public or private non-profit institution of higher education. All of our scholarships are for current high school seniors that are residents of Morgan County, or students living out-of-county but attending Indian Creek High School. Proof of address may be required.

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 atrue@cfmconline.org.

Please note that questions must come directly from the student.

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Winners will be announced in May.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ANY MORGAN COUNTY RESIDENT

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

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

Emily Downey Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$2,500)

For a student with average or below-average grades.

Fables and Fairy Tales Scholarship (1 @\$500)

The scholarship will directly benefit a Morgan County Senior based on overall Citizenship and Financial Need.

Gordon Leigh Speer Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$2,000)

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 @ \$600)

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 the health care field.

Porch Time Scholarship (2 @ \$1,000)

Two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to a Morgan County senior who attends a 2- or 4-year college intending to pursue a degree in Communications and/or Criminal Justice.

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. Additional short essay required.

Servant's Heart Christian Ministry Scholarship (1 @ \$5,000)

Donors desire to establish a discretionary scholarship endowment fund in the Community Foundation; and provide a \$5000.00 scholarship annually to a Morgan County student who plans on attending a private college for Christian studies.

SSG. Wm. Ryan Fritsche Memorial Scholarship (2 @ \$850)

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 (2 @ \$1,000)

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 (3 @ \$1,075)

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 @ \$3,000)

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.

Stierwalt Scholarship (1 @ \$1,100)

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 MARTINSVILLE

Ann Haworth Memorial Scholarship (3 @ \$2,000)

For a student ranked in the upper $\frac{1}{4}$ of the graduating class who participated in orchestra and/or choir during grades 10 through 12.

Barry Schroeder Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

Barry Schroeder who was a Purdue Engineering student at the time of his death. The memorial scholarship will support a Martinsville High School senior for freshman year at Purdue University.

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.

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.

Judy Tedesco Memorial Scholarship & In Tribute to Anna Bowlen (1 @ \$1,200)

This scholarship is awarded a Martinsville senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Chosen scholar will have participated in performing or musical arts (including stagehands and other behind the scenes roles). Preference is given to those with financial needs and good character.

Maggie Grounds Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

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 @ \$3,000)

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The Koshel Memorial Scholarship (6 @ \$750)

To provide scholarships to eligible MSD of Martinsville seniors in memory of the Koshel's.

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

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.

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 Huttshell Academic Scholarship (7 @ \$2,000)

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.

Mary Kindler Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$500)

This fund provides a scholarship to a lady Monrovia High School senior in memory of Mary Kindler. The student must have a 3.5 GPA or higher and participate in Monrovia High School Lady Basketball or Volleyball team.

Meredith Knieper Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$3,000)

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Mooresville Kiwanis Curry Overton Memorial Scholarship (3 @ \$1,000)

Preference given to students from Mooresville and Monrovia. Preference to students who present to Kiwanis or volunteer in Kiwanis/key club activities and students who have participated in service projects. Open to students seeking advance study including skill trade schools. 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 @ \$2,000)

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.

Kaitlyn Fulkerson Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000)

For a student with at least a 3.0 GPA who exhibits good character, respect for others, and good citizenship. The scholarship looks to recognize a student who sets a good example with their peers and in the community.

Meredith Knieper Memorial Scholarship (1 @ \$3,000)

The Meredith Knieper Memorial Scholarship will directly benefit a 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.

Mooresville High School Alumni Scholarship (1 @ \$5,000)

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 (3 @ \$1,000)

Preference given to students from Mooresville and Monrovia. Preference to students who present to Kiwanis or volunteer in Kiwanis/key club activities and students who have participated in service projects. Open to students seeking advance study including skill trade schools. 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 (2 @ \$500)

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 (2 @ \$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 @ \$1,500)

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

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 what you wish to do in the future and describe past experiences that have had an impact on you. Please explain why you are deserving of a particular scholarship. A separate essay may be required for specific scholarships.
- Financial Need: Some scholarships consider financial need. Students are asked to complete a financial need section, which is hidden from reviewers so that the information can be completed fully and truthfully. CFMC will ask for your family's adjusted gross income for the most recent tax year, which appears on IRS Form 1040, line 11 and also asks how many people are in your household.

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 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 and the impact it made.
 - 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. A few scholarships will require a second reference.

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 24th 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 2025. 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).