

# SCHOLARSHIP



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# Scholarship Criteria

## Motley Futures Foundation Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in the Motley Futures Foundation (MFF) Scholarship. This application is designed to center your story, your goals, and the support you need as you transition into your next chapter after high school.

### About the Motley Futures Foundation

The Motley Futures Foundation is committed to expanding access, opportunity, and dignity for students from under-resourced communities—particularly graduates of Northwestern High School in Detroit, Michigan.

Our scholarships are designed to support multiple post-graduation pathways, recognizing that success is not one-size-fits-all.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet all of the following:

- Be a graduating senior from Northwestern High School (Detroit, MI) with a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Demonstrate financial need
- Be accepted into one of the following pathways:
  - A 4-year or 2-year college or university
  - An alternative postsecondary pathway (e.g., apprenticeship, credentialing program, trade school, entrepreneurship, nonprofit or community-based program)
- Commit to using funds for education- or career-related expenses

#### **Track A: College Pathway Scholarship (\$2,000)**

For students pursuing enrollment in a 2-year or 4-year college or university.

#### **Track B: Alternative Pathway Scholarship (\$2,000)**

For students pursuing a nontraditional postsecondary pathway, such as:  
Starting a business or nonprofit  
Enrolling in an apprenticeship or trade program

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## Applicant Information

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Information

**High School: Northwestern High School**

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please attach an unofficial highschool transcript to your application.

## Postsecondary Plans

Please select the scholarship track you are applying for.

**Track A: College Pathway  
Scholarship (\$2,000)**

For students pursuing  
enrollment in a 2-year or 4-  
year college or university.

**Track B: Alternative Pathway  
Scholarship (\$2,000)**

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## **Personal Statement**

Please respond to one of the following prompts:

1. Describe a challenge you have faced and how it shaped who you are today.
2. What does opportunity mean to you, and how are you preparing to create it for yourself?
3. Who or what has most influenced your vision for your future, and why?

(at least 275 words)

## **Financial Need Statement**

Please briefly describe your financial situation and why this scholarship would be meaningful support for you.

(100 words)

## **Purpose & Use of Funds**

Explain how you plan to use this scholarship and how it will support your next steps.

(No word limit)

**Please attach statements separately in Microsoft Word format.**



# Letter of Recommendation

Please provide one letter of recommendation  
(from either teacher, counselor, mentor, employer, or community leader).

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

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Email / Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a recommendation separately.

# Application Submission

## Submission Instructions

- Application Deadline: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Application Award Date: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- Submit completed application booklet to:  
[info@motleyfuturesfoundation.org](mailto:info@motleyfuturesfoundation.org)
- Questions? Contact: Ms. Megan Waterbury and/or  
[info@motleyfuturesfoundation.org](mailto:info@motleyfuturesfoundation.org)

## Certification & Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that scholarship funds must be used for education- or career-related expenses aligned with my selected pathway.

**Applicant Signature**

**Date of Submission**

## Scholarship Application Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 1. What is the Motley Futures Foundation Scholarship?

The Motley Futures Foundation Scholarship provides financial support to graduating seniors from Northwestern High School in Detroit, Michigan, who demonstrate financial need and are pursuing a postsecondary pathway. The Foundation recognizes multiple pathways to success, including college, trade programs, apprenticeships, credentialing programs, and entrepreneurship.

### 2. Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a graduating senior from Northwestern High School (Detroit, MI)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have a clear postsecondary plan (college or alternative pathway)
- Hold a 2.5 GPA

### 3. What scholarship tracks are available?

Applicants must apply to one of the following tracks:

- Track A: College Pathway Scholarship – for students enrolling in a 2-year or 4-year college or university.
- Track B: Alternative Pathway Scholarship – for students pursuing nontraditional postsecondary options such as trade school, apprenticeships, credentialing programs, entrepreneurship, or nonprofit/community-based work.

### 4. What materials are required for the application?

A complete application includes:

- Completed application form
- Attached written Personal statement and Financial need statement
- Unofficial Highschool Transcript
- One recommendation letter from a teacher, counselor, mentor, employer, or community leader

### 5. Is there an application deadline?

Yes. The application deadline is March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Late applications may not be considered.

### 6. How are scholarship recipients selected?

Scholarship recipients are selected based on:

- Financial need
- Alignment with the Foundation's mission
- Clarity of goals and readiness for the next step
- Thoughtfulness and authenticity of written responses
- Academic achievement is considered within context and is not the sole determining factor.

### 7. What can the scholarship funds be used for?

Scholarship funds may be used for education- and career-related expenses, including but not limited to: Tuition and fees, Books and supplies, Housing or transportation related to education or training, Technology (e.g., laptop, software), Certification or exam fees, Business or startup-related expenses (for Track B recipients). Funds may not be used for non-educational personal expenses.

## Scholarship Application Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### 8. How are funds distributed?

Funds are distributed directly to the awardee by check.

### 9. Who should write my recommendation?

Recommenders should be adults who know you well and can speak to your character, work ethic, leadership, or readiness for your next step. This may include a teacher, counselor, coach, employer, mentor, or community leader.

### 10. Can I apply if my plans are still evolving?

Yes. The Foundation understands that postsecondary plans can evolve. Applicants should describe their current goals and demonstrate intentional thinking about their next steps.

### 11. After Selection, When will recipients be notified?

Recipients will be notified via email by May 8th, 2026.

### 12. Are recipients required to maintain contact with the Foundation?

Yes. Scholarship recipients may be asked to:

- Provide a brief progress update
- Participate in optional mentoring or community-building opportunities
- Share reflections on how the scholarship supported their journey
- These requests are optional, intended to support—not burden—awardees.

### 13. Where can I get help with my application?

Students are encouraged to seek support from school counselors, teachers, or trusted mentors.

Questions may also be directed to: [info@motleyfuturesfoundation.org](mailto:info@motleyfuturesfoundation.org)

The Motley Futures Foundation believes in possibility, preparation, and pathways. We honor each applicant's story and courage in pursuing their future.