

MONSON HIGH SCHOOL

2017 COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

How to Apply

- Read the paragraph on each scholarship and choose those for which you are eligible.
- Complete the application form. Photocopy it as many times as necessary so that there is one application for each scholarship for which you are applying. Mail/submit one copy to each scholarship awarding agency.

Requirements

Scholarships are for full-time students unless otherwise indicated. Specific requirements are listed in the description section for each scholarship.

**High school students must attach a copy of the last report card;
college students send latest transcript.**

Deadlines

All applications, transcripts and supporting materials must be mailed/submitted to the appropriate agencies and postmarked by **Tuesday, April 25, 2017**.

Selection Process

You will not be considered for a scholarship unless your application and all supporting documents are mailed/submitted (postmarked on or before April 25) on time. Review committees of the awarding organizations will meet in May to select scholarship winners. You will be notified of a scholarship award at the Monson High School Graduation Awards Night Program.

Disclaimer

The Monson High School Counseling Department is not responsible for incorrect information that may be listed in this application packet.

Scholarship Application for the School Year 2017-18

1. Date of Birth: _____
2. Number of brothers and sisters at home that are:
_____ in pre-school _____ in elementary/middle school _____ in high school
_____ in private school _____ in college _____ working
3. School Information:
Current School: _____
Expected Date of Graduation: _____
Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank: _____
SAT Scores: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ ACT Composite: _____
I certify that this data is correct:

School Official's Signature Date Title

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST ATTACH A COPY OF THE LAST REPORT CARD;
COLLEGE STUDENTS SEND LATEST TRANSCRIPT.**

4. List school and community activities in which you have been active, honors or awards you have received, and any hobbies that are important to you during the past four years. Include the number of years you have participated or the year in which you received the award:

5. List your work experience during high school, including positions, dates employed and hours per week:

6. Name and address of the college for which the scholarship is requested: _____

7. Date of entrance: _____ Planned date of graduation: _____

8. Planned major or field of study: _____

9. Have you been accepted yet? _____

10. Student will live on campus? live off campus? commute

11. Student will be enrolled Full-time? Half time or more? Less than half time

12. Financial information

Total cost of your education for the 2017-2018 school year: _____

Tuition & Fees: _____ Room & Board: _____ Other: _____

What have you done to assist in financing your education? _____

Amount you expect to be able to contribute next year: _____

Amount your parents expect to be able to contribute next year: _____

Amount from other sources (please list): _____

If you are applying for the Monson Rotary Club or Monson Fire Department Association, you must include the following:

Total family income per year (wages, interest, dividends & capital gains): _____

Total family assets: _____; liabilities: _____; net worth: _____

13. List the names, addresses and phone numbers of three references:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

14. Attach a statement explaining why you feel you are deserving of a scholarship. Also write about your future career goals and how you plan on achieving them or any special circumstances which you think the Committee should know. Feel free to discuss your leisure time activities, special abilities and interests.

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

For the 2017-2018 School Year

This booklet and common application have been compiled by the Counseling Department. It is hoped that this effort will make financial assistance for higher education more accessible to a greater number of deserving students.

American Legion Post 241 Scholarship in Honor of Joseph E. Avella

This scholarship is open to a current member of the graduating class who lives in Monson. Selection criteria include scholastic standing, leadership qualities, citizenship, financial need, school and community activities and a relative of a veteran. Payment is made at the beginning of the second semester.

Mail/Submit to: Counseling Department
 Monson High School
 55 Margaret Street
 Monson, MA 01057

Bess M. Harrington Memorial Scholarship

Applicants must be a member of the current graduating class of Monson High School and have demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities in the classroom, in the athletic arena, and in community service. Preference will be given to students who have excelled in the classroom and in the athletic arena. Payment will be made at the beginning of the second semester after a transcript from semester one and proof of enrollment for semester two are provided.

Mail/Submit to: Counseling Department
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 55 Margaret Street
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C. Kenneth Sanderson Memorial Scholarship

Students who rank in the top seven (7) of the graduating class and who have been a student at MHS for three years are eligible to apply. The applicant must be enrolled in a two or four year college or university. The 2016 scholarship was worth \$5000.

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Elizabeth Harrison Memorial Scholarship

This \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a Monson resident and member of the current graduating class at Monson High School who plans on pursuing higher education at an accredited post-secondary institution. Selection criteria include financial need, scholastic achievement, community service and school activities. The award will be made directly to the recipient only after successful completion of his/her 1st semester. A transcript will be required as proof of successful completion.

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 Monson High School
 55 Margaret Street
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Henry O. Holley Scholarship

This scholarship is in honor of Henry O. Holley, principal of MJSHS for 38 years and is open to any member of the current graduating class who has been a resident of Monson for at least two years and is planning to enroll in a post-secondary institution. Payment will be made directly to the student. Criteria will be based upon scholastic standing, leadership, school and community activities and financial need. In 2014 the scholarship award was \$600.

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Joel A. Isaacsen Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to a member of the graduating class who lives in Monson and has attended the High School for at least two years. Preference will be given to a student who will major in art, music or science. Scholarship, citizenship, school and community activities as well as financial need will also be considered. Failure to matriculate at a post secondary school will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

Mail/Submit to: Counseling Department
 Monson High School
 55 Margaret Street
 Monson, MA 01057

Landmark Realtors Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is for a student who is beginning his/her pursuit of higher education at a Massachusetts community college or technical school. The recipient will be chosen on the basis of academic achievement and two letters of recommendation. Payment of the award will be made directly to the student once proof of enrollment is provided, but no later than December 31, 2016.

Mail to: Landmark, Realtors
204 Main Street
Monson, MA 01057

Monson Arts Council Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship is available to any graduating high school senior who has lived in the town of Monson for at least the past two years. The candidate should have a demonstrated interest and involvement in the arts. Candidates need not be seeking a degree in the arts to apply for this scholarship.

Required:

1.) A digitally submitted essay of about 250 words explaining why the arts are important to you and the community.

2.) A letter of support about the applicant's interest in the arts.

Optional: Proof of your involvement may be enhanced by submitting a digital portfolio containing representations of your visual art work and/or programs or videos showing any participation in performing arts events such as dance or theater (creator, performer, support crew).

Payment will be made directly to the school at the beginning of the second semester after a transcript from the first semester and proof of enrollment for semester two are provided.

Mail to: Monson Arts Council
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 306
Monson, MA 01057

Electronic submissions may be sent to:
petermbarnett@comcast.net

Monson Booster Athletic Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the Monson Athletic Booster Association to honor varsity athletes. Graduating seniors who have been a member of a varsity team and who are planning on enrolling at a post-secondary institution are eligible for this scholarship. An interview may also be required.

You must also attach responses to the following:

- * List specific sports played, years involved in both Jr. Varsity and Varsity, and Varsity Letters earned.
- * List any special athletic recognition, achievements or awards you have received.
- * Have you ever been suspended from a school team? If yes, specify when and why.
- * Have you ever been ejected from an interscholastic athletic event? If yes, specify when and why.
- * List any involvement you have had in Monson Athletic Boosters Club activities.

Mail/Submit to: Counseling Department
Monson High School
55 Margaret Street
Monson, MA 01057

Monson Democratic Town Committee

This scholarship is open to any student pursuing post-secondary education, who is a resident of the Town of Monson at the time of their graduation and is either a registered Democrat or who has family members or close relatives who are registered Democrats.

Applicants must submit 3 letters of recommendation, a transcript and photograph. The award will be given directly to the recipient only after successful completion of their first semester. A transcript of grades must be submitted before issuance of the scholarship.

Mail to: Monson Democratic Town Committee
c/o Robert Jensen
4 Betty Jean Drive
Monson, MA 01057

Monson Dolphins Swim Team Coach's Scholarship

Members of the senior class who have been on the team one season (either winter or summer) per academic school year for the four years of high school and who have participated in a minimum number of meets based on league championship criteria are eligible to apply.

Awards will be made directly to the student when either a class schedule along with proof of enrollment for the second semester or a letter from the post secondary institution is presented to the Treasurer of the Monson Dolphins Booster Association. The amount and number of scholarships is determined yearly by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Applicants must also answer the following question in 25 words or less, "In what way did you benefit from your experience as a member of the Monson Dolphins Swim Team?"

Mail to: Donna Nodell
63 Wood Hill Road
Monson, MA 01057

Monson Fine Arts Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established to honor those who have worked tirelessly to ensure the success of Monson Summer Theater throughout its years. It is open to any high school graduating senior who has been active in music, art, or theater in Monson High School or the surrounding community. In 250 - 500 words, answer these questions.

- In what way have you been active in Monson High School's fine arts programs?
- In what way have you been involved in community music, art, or theater programs?
- How have the fine arts influenced your life so far, and how do you hope they will continue in your life?

Mail to: Counseling Department
Monson High School
55 Margaret Street
Monson, MA 01057

Monson Fire Department Association Scholarship

The Monson Fire Department will give up to \$2500 in scholarships to seniors who are residents of Monson and who are planning to enroll in postsecondary school. Selection criteria will include academic standing, leadership qualities, citizenship record, school and community activities and financial need. A transcript is also required. Payment will be made directly to the student at the beginning of the second semester after a transcript from the first semester and proof of enrollment for semester two are provided.

Mail to: Monson Fire Department Assn
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 401
Monson, MA 01057

Monson Garden Club Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student continuing their education in any branch of life, natural or environmental sciences. Applicants must be a graduating senior who resides in Monson and who demonstrates acceptable academic achievement along with the personal qualities of citizenship and leadership. Failure to enroll in an approved institution will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.

You must submit a copy of your high school transcript and a letter of recommendation from a member of the school staff.

Mail to: Monson Garden Club
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 307
Monson, MA 01057

Monson Parent Teacher Student Association (P.T.S.A) Scholarship

This scholarship is open to a member of the current graduating class who has attended Monson High School for the past three years and plans on attending a post-secondary institution. Applicants must submit a statement (up to 250 words) describing how you have contributed to your community through volunteer and leadership experiences. Please share personal stories elaborating how you have demonstrated integrity and diligence.

Mail/Submit to: Counseling Department
Monson High School
55 Margaret Street
Monson, MA 01057

Monson Teachers Association Maria Osborn Memorial Scholarship

Applicants must be a current member of the graduating class and have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution. Special consideration will be given to students going into education or human services, as well as to students participating in community service.

Mail/Submit to: Counseling Department
Monson High School
55 Margaret Street
Monson, MA 01057

Peter A. McKenna Memorial Scholarship

This \$200 scholarship was established in memory of Peter A. McKenna, a graduate of MJSHS. It is given to an outstanding student in Technical Drawing or a student pursuing a career related to Technical Drawing or civil/architectural engineering. Applicants must be a graduating senior, a resident of Monson and have attended MHS at least two years. Criteria selection includes scholastic standing, financial need and school and community activities.

Mail/Submit to: Counseling Department
Monson High School
55 Margaret Street
Monson, MA 01057

Rotary Club of Monson Scholarship

Applicants must be a resident of the Town of Monson and be a member of the graduating class at Monson High School, Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School or Cathedral High School who is planning on attending college. Selection criteria include financial need, scholastic achievement, community service and school activities. The award will be made directly to the recipient only after successful completion of their first semester. A transcript is required as proof of successful completion.

Mail to: Monson Rotary Club
c/o Dorothy Jenkins
PO Box 145
Monson, MA 01057

Tess Pelissier Summer Theater Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any high school senior who has actively participated in the Monson Summer Theater program. It was established in honor of Tess Pelissier, the director of Summer Theater for forty years. You must submit a statement in 250 - 500 words, answering these questions.

- What experiences in Summer Theater have influenced your life?
- What values or lessons have you taken away from the summers you participated?

Mail to: Summer Theater Scholarship,
Monson Parks and Recreation Dept..
110 Main St., Monson, MA, 01057

Town of Monson Scholarship

Applicants for this scholarship must be a resident of the Town of Monson at the time of graduation.

You must submit three letters of recommendation – one by a school counselor or college advisor, member of the clergy, an instructor, professional person, supervisor or an employer. In addition, you must also attach a list of other scholarships or grant awards that you have been awarded or may be pending for the coming school year. A transcript is also required. Seventeen scholarships totaling \$12,000 were awarded in 2016. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Mail to: Town of Monson Scholarship Committee
Monson High School
55 Margaret Street
Monson, MA 01057