

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION *(draft: 11-24-15)*

In May, we will award about \$20,000 in scholarships to WMHS graduates planning to enroll this Fall in an accredited university, college, or postsecondary technical school or college. The scholarships offered include:

	<i>Number of Awards</i>	<i>Total Amount Available</i>
Booster Club Scholarships	5-16	\$10,000
James F. May Jr Legacy Scholarship in Engineering or Construction	2	\$4,000
Technical Career Certificate	1	\$1,500
Stacey Phelps-Giesen Memorial Scholarship	1-3	\$2,000
Rainbow Family and Friends Club- Fostering Community Leadership	1	\$500
June Rocker Legacy Scholarship in Education	1	\$1,000
Pam Shirley Memorial Scholarship in Teaching	1	\$1,000

To apply for and/or receive a scholarship, you must:

- (a) Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance) Application.
- (b) Be admitted to at least one accredited: college/university/postsecondary technical college

NOTE: Seniors enrolled in the Jump Start Scholarship Program are eligible to apply for the donor-sponsored scholarships, but not for the Booster Club scholarships.

Process:

1. On or by Monday, March 16, 2026, please submit to Ms. Armstrong in the Guidance office the following:
 - a. Your completed application (only the attached, fill-able form (pages 2-4) will be accepted). Applications with hand-written responses will not be accepted.
 - b. Supporting documents (including digital images confirming FAFSA completion and college acceptance).
 - c. Other supporting documents (letters of recommendation, award certificates, other)
2. In early April, all applicants will participate in a 15-minute interview with members of the Scholarship Committee.
3. Overall, seven criteria are rated (on a 5-point scale) by the Committee when assessing each student's application, supporting documents, and interview. The evaluation criteria include: (a) academic merit, (b) financial need, (c) extra-curricular involvement (in-school and out-of-school), (d) community service, (e) personal essay, (f) interview, and (g) citizenship and attendance.
4. All information provided in your application and interview will be held in strict confidence. All notes and applications will be shredded once the review is completed.
5. In early May, the graduates selected to receive scholarships will receive award letters via email or text.
6. Scholarship award certificates will be presented in late May during the Community Awards Ceremony.

After saving this document to your hard drive, please complete it. Consider asking others to proofread your application, and to suggest changes and edits. Comments on the personal essay can be especially helpful.

Please send your application file and supporting documents to Ms. Armstrong on or before March 16, 2026.

Selecting the Scholarship(s)

Please review the list of scholarships available on page 1. Before selecting a scholarship competition, consider carefully whether or not you meet the general and specific criteria listed to qualify for each scholarship.

In the right-hand column, please indicate the scholarship or scholarships for which you are applying.

Scholarship	General Criteria	Specific Criteria (to be addressed in your essay)	Are You Applying for this Scholarship?	
			Yes	No
Booster Club Scholarship	Academic merit, Extra-curricular participation, Community Service		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
James F. May, Jr. Legacy Scholarship	GPA – 3.0 or above, High school athlete	Commitment to study engineering or construction in a 2-year, 4-year college, or technical school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical Career Certificate	Financial need, Community service, GPA - 2.5-3.0	Committed to pursuing an electrical, mechanical, or construction certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
June Rocker Legacy Scholarship	Community service, GPA – 3.0 or higher	Attending FAMU, Majoring in Education, Discuss future goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pam Shirley Scholarship in Teaching	Financial need, Community service, GPA – 2.5 or above	Major in education or related field and plans to become a teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stacey Phelps-Giesen Memorial Scholarship	Financial need, Community service, GPA – 2.5 or above,	Commitment to a major field of study in a 2- or 4-year college or a technical school. Describe the importance of your community service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rainbow Family & Friends Club Fostering Community Leadership	Family income, GPA – 3.0 or above, Community service	Commitment to community leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Age:

Mailing Address:

City/Zip Code

Personal Email:

Cell Phone:

Parent Name:

Parent Cell Phone:

COLLEGE PLANS

List the College Major or Career Path you will pursue:

List the College/University/Technical School or College(s) you will attend:

Next Fall semester, I plan to:

Attend (check one): Attend Full-time ☐ Attend Part-time ☐

Live: At home ☐ On-campus ☐ Off-campus ☐ Other

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE and/or WORK EXPERIENCE

List and briefly describe the community service, volunteer experiences, and/or paid work experiences you have completed during high school. *Be sure to update the number of hours you have reported to the Guidance Office. The number of hours on file will be reviewed by the Committee. In your personal essay, you may want to describe what you have learned from these experiences.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List and briefly describe your participation in: sports, clubs and organizations, or student government.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

PERSONAL ESSAY

To understand more about you and your goals, most universities, colleges, and technical schools require applicants to write essays. Please review the list of seven college essay prompts/questions below from the Common Application (APP). The Common APP is an on-line college application system used by more than 1,000 colleges. <https://www.commonapp.org/>

The essay you write here can be used, perhaps with some modification(s), in your college application.

Please select ONE of the following Common APP essay prompts. In the space below, write and refine a 500-600 word essay -- one which presents your best and most complete response to the to the key question or topic you have selected.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Reflect on something that someone has done for you that has made you happy or thankful in a surprising way. How has this gratitude affected or motivated you?
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.