



Mayor's Scholarship Fund

Lighting the Path

2021 IDAHO FALLS MAYOR'S SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

THE PROGRAM

The Mayor's Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to Idaho Falls students who plan to pursue a post-high school education. Awards can only be used at an accredited post secondary school or training program within the State of Idaho or for US military education programs. Funds for these scholarships and awards are made possible through generous voluntary contributions from citizens and corporate and business sponsors. The *Senior Scholarship* is for graduating seniors. Funds must be requested within four years of high school graduation or equivalent.

ELIGIBILITY

There are two ways to qualify for this scholarship: 1) be a resident of Idaho Falls; or 2) attend an Idaho Falls School District 91 or Bonneville School District 93 school. You must meet at least one of these requirements.

APPLICATION

To apply, students must submit the following:

- A. A completed application form with parent or guardian signature
- B. A Parent/Guardian Information form
- C. A Personal Information form
- D. A Personal Essay form
- E. A Community Essay form
- F. One signed Letter of Recommendation form

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Eligible applicants will be blindly evaluated on the basis of information supplied. Emphasis will be placed upon student GPA school/community involvement, citizenship, and future promise. All applicants will be notified of the results prior to the Scholarship Awards ceremony to be held on March 31, 2021. *Award recipients and their parents or guardians will be guests at the awards ceremony and are expected to attend this and all other scholarship program events.*

DUE DATE

Applications are available on the Mayor's Scholarship Fund website mayorsscholarshipfund.org. Applications are **due Wednesday February 3, 2021**. They may be submitted to a college and career advisor or school counselor no later than the close of school that day.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the Idaho Falls Mayor's Scholarship Program. We are delighted you are applying, because obtaining an education is essential to being successful and making a difference—in your own life and in the lives of others. We commend you for your determination to continue your education and the academic achievement you have already attained.

Please be thorough in completing this application. You are responsible for making sure all the forms are filled out properly and submitted on time. Use the checklist below to help you complete the application. Remember, your application is due **Wednesday February 3, 2021**.

Best wishes,

The Mayor's Scholarship Fund Board of Directors

General Application Instructions: Fill out the application completely. Please type, print (preferred), or complete in ink. Answer all questions thoroughly and thoughtfully. Please keep pages in order as numbered.

- My **school counselor** has verified my GPA and initialed on the appropriate line.
- All forms are signed as needed by both student and parent or guardian.
- I have included **one** letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach, ecclesiastical leader, or other influential adult.
- I have answered each question completely and have not written on the backside of any page.
- I have reviewed my application with a parent, teacher, counselor, or other informed adult.
- I have proofread this application.
- I will submit 2 single-side, stapled copies of this application (please do not include cover sheet or instructions).

Incomplete applications will be not be considered.

DUE FEBRUARY 3, 2021

Note: If selected, you will be required to participate in all Mayors' Scholarship Fund Events including the video/photo shoot and the event on March 31, 2021. You may also be asked to provide proof of your eligibility before claiming your award.

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APPLICATION

Please check **ALL** awards for which you would like to apply through the Mayor's Scholarship Fund. Only one application need be submitted*.

_____ **Mayor's Scholarship Fund Senior Award** MSF Senior Award is a \$1500 scholarship (\$2500 for past Promise Award recipients) to be used within four years of high school graduation at an accredited post-secondary school or training program **within the State of Idaho** or for US military education programs.

PLEASE INDICATE YEAR AWARDED IF YOU ARE A PAST PROMISE RECIPIENT_____.

_____ **College of Eastern Idaho Scholarship**
CEI Scholarship is a \$1000 award to be used at College of Eastern Idaho for the **Fall 2021** term. Recipient must be accepted as a student at College of Eastern Idaho and all CEI deadlines will apply.

*Please note: You will only be awarded **one** of these scholarships based upon evaluation panel scoring.

PLEASE MAKE THIS THE TOP SHEET OF YOUR APPLICATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

(Please print or type)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone (Home) _____ (Other) _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____ Parent Phone _____

Student Email _____ Student Date of Birth _____

School _____ GPA _____ Counselor Verification/Initials _____

SAT score _____ ACT score _____

- Check all that apply: I live in Bonneville County.
 I am a student in School Districts 91 or 93.
 I am home-schooled.

How did you hear about this Scholarship Program? _____

SIGNATURES

By signing below, I affirm this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If selected, I agree to participate in all Mayors' Scholarship Fund Events.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

By signing below, I indicate I have reviewed the information on my child's application and have found it to be correct. I hereby give my consent for my child to be considered for this award.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

(Check all that apply—for statistical record purposes only)

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|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

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PERSONAL ESSAY

Now tell us more about YOU. For example: what obstacles have you overcome and how have your experiences made you a better leader, student, and/or person; what are your accomplishments; what motivates you to do your best; explain why you think others respect you; describe your family experiences; etc. (You do not need to write about all of these things; just use these ideas to get you thinking about what you can share about yourself with the selection committee.) You may use a separate sheet if desired. Please type or write legibly in ink. ***Remember, this is your opportunity to stand out from the others applicants by expressing your personal experiences.***

Please include this prompt at the top of your essay.

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COMMUNITY ESSAY

After you graduate from college, how will you give back to your community and light the path for others? Why will your contribution be important and how will it make your community a better place to live?" You may use a separate sheet if desired. Please type or write legibly in ink (Please observe customary essay-writing conventions as you organize and express your ideas—complete sentences, paragraphs, etc.)

Please include this prompt at the top of your essay.

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ADULT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Please assess the applicant's character and strengths and how well the applicant is prepared to pursue his/her post-secondary education plans. We are interested in the applicant's potential for making positive contributions, intellectual promise, motivation, relative level of maturity, leadership potential, capacity for growth, special talents, etc. This information will be used to differentiate the student from others applying for this award. *(You may attach a separate, typed sheet if desired. Please complete the signature box below.)*

Position/Title/Organization _____ Daytime Phone _____

Print Name _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

Signature _____ Date _____