



Mayor's Scholarship Fund
Lighting the Path

Mayor's Scholarship Fund 2025 Senior Award Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Idaho Falls Mayor's Scholarship Program. We are delighted you are applying. Obtaining a good 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. Applications are due by **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**.

Sincerely,
Mayor's Scholarship Fund Board of Directors

Application Checklist

- A school counselor or CCA has verified my GPA and initialed the form.
- All forms are signed as needed by applicant and parent.
- A letter of recommendation and signature form is attached.
- I have answered each section thoughtfully and have not written on the back of any page.
- I have reviewed my application with a parent, teacher, counselor or other informed adult.
- I have proofread this application thoroughly.
- I will submit **2 single-sided, stapled** copies (original and one copy) of this application in order. I *do not* need to include the cover sheet or checklist pages.

APPLICATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

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The Program

The Mayor's Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to Idaho Falls area students who plan to pursue a post-secondary education or training. Funds for these scholarships are made possible through generous voluntary contributions from citizens, corporate and business sponsors. The Mayor's Scholarship Fund Senior Award is for **current 12th grade** students who agree to maintain a college-bound path. These awards can be used at an approved accredited post-secondary school or training program within the state of **Idaho** or for US military education programs. If you were a past Promise Award recipient, and are selected for the Senior Award, you will receive the Senior Legacy Award. Recipients have until four years from high school graduation or equivalent to request funds.

Eligibility

You must meet at least **one** of these requirements: 1) be a resident of Idaho Falls; or 2) attend school within the physical boundaries of Idaho Falls District 91 or Bonneville School District 93.

Application

To apply, students must submit the following in duplicate: (original and one copy)
A completed application form with applicant & parent or guardian signature including:

- Personal Information sheet
- Activities Sheet
- Personal Essay
- Community Essay
- Signed Letter of Recommendation

Application Deadline

Applications are **due Wednesday, February 5, 2025** They may be submitted to a college and career advisor or school counselor no later than the close of school that day. Applications may also be mailed to:

Mayor's Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 2323 Idaho Falls, ID 83403

Mail-in applications must be received by 4:00pm on the deadline date.

Selection of Recipients

Eligible applicants will be evaluated on the basis of information supplied. Emphasis will be placed upon student GPA, school/community involvement, citizenship, and future promise. The scoring rubric weights applicants with a GPA of 3.0-3.5 with the highest points possible. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All recipients will be notified of the results following our application evaluations in February. Award recipients are expected to attend all scholarship program events including a photo and video shoot in March as well as a recipient reception and awards ceremony in April.

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Full Name

Given Name(s)	Last
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Address

Number, Street, City, Zip Code

Contact Information

Applicant Email (please no school email addresses)
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Parent/Guardian Email

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Applicant Phone Number ()	Parent Phone Number ()
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School Information

School Currently Attending	Grade
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Unweighted GPA	Verification Initials	Counselor or CCA Name
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Check all that apply

- I live in Idaho Falls I am homeschooled
- I attend school within the physical boundaries of Idaho Falls D91 or Bonneville D93

Statistical Data (For records only. Does not affect your application status.)

Gender	Ethnicity or Race
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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 Mayor's Scholarship Fund Events.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Senior Legacy Award Eligibility

Were you a past Mayor's Scholarship Fund Promise Award recipient? YES NO

What year(s)?

College of Eastern Idaho Award

Would you like to use this application to apply for the College of Eastern Idaho Award? This is a scholarship to **CEI** for \$1000 for Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. Top applicants whose scores do not qualify them as MSF Senior Award recipients will be considered alternatively for this scholarship. We ask that you **only mark "yes" if you intend** to use this scholarship if it is offered to you. (Circle one)

YES, I would like to also apply for the CEI Award.

NO, I prefer to only be considered for the MSF Senior Award.

Future Educational Plans

(Recipients **must** attend an accredited institution in **Idaho** or US military education program)

List the Idaho Colleges, Universities or Vocational Programs you are considering:

Fields of Study (please rank your top interests 1-5)

Aviation	Engineering	Math
Pre-Med	Biology	Graphic Design
Fine Art	Communications	Language
Pre-Law	Political Science	Psychology
Dental	Education	Business/Finance
Computers/IT	Humanities	Military Science
Economics	Social Work	Music

Other areas of interest:

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Personal Information and Experiences

Please share your leadership experiences, school and extra-curricular activities, work experience, community service etc. Include ways you contribute to your school, home, church or community.

Activity

How has this developed your personal character & prepared you for your future educational path and career?

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Additional Activities (may use additional sheet if needed)

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Personal Essay

Now, tell us more about YOU. Some things you might include: How have your experiences made you a better leader, student and person; what are your greatest accomplishments; what challenges or obstacles have you overcome; what motivates you to do your best; explain why you think others respect you; what are your personal educational and career goals; how do you plan to accomplish these goals; describe your personal, family or community experiences. Please type or write legibly in black ink. You may use more than one sheet of paper if desired.

(Please include this prompt at the top of your essay)

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Community Essay

The motto of the Mayor's Scholarship Fund is "Lighting the Path." Your community has supported you in many ways throughout your life so far. They have lit the path for you. After you graduate from college, how will you give back to your community and light the path for others? Some questions you may consider are: Why will your future contributions be important? How will you make your community a better place to live? How will your career add value to your circle of influence or your community as a whole? Do you plan to mentor or volunteer in specific ways? How will your current career goals help you light the path for others? Please type or write legibly in black ink. You may use more than one sheet of paper if desired.

(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. Comment on how well the applicant is prepared to pursue their post-secondary educational goals. We are interested in the positive contributions, future promise, motivational and maturity level the applicant demonstrates, leadership potential, special talents etc. Please complete the signature box below and attach letter. It need not be sealed.

(Applicants: Please provide this prompt to the individual writing your letter of recommendation)

Position/Title/Organization	Phone
Printed Name	Relationship to Applicant
Signature	Date