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**INTRODUCTION**

The Mackinac Island Community Foundation (MICF) offers scholarships to help area students with financial responsibilities associated with higher education.

If at any point you have questions, please contact your student support specialist.

*Best wishes for a bright future!*

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Founded in 1994 by a group of local citizens, the MICF is a charitable organization dedicated to promoting the general well-being of Island residents and visitors, by working in community partnerships to generate endowed and unendowed funds and stimulate community-wide initiatives.

The MICF administers many types of funds, including scholarship funds that provide educational opportunities for Mackinac Island students. These funds were established by individuals to provide financial assistance to Mackinac Island students as they pursue higher education.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Each scholarship fund has specific criteria as defined by that donor that established the fund. Specific eligibility criteria are listed in the descriptions of the scholarships on pages 6-8.

**EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

You will need to apply during your fifth year, the last year of the Early College Program. If you are awarded a scholarship, it will be awarded in the same process as all other scholarships.  
(See page 3 – Payment Process for Scholarship Recipients)

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Now go the checklist on page 4 and begin the application process.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

The online scholarship application portal will begin taking applications from December 20, 2025. All completed scholarships applications are to be submitted online to the micf.org website by Friday, March 13, 2026, 11:59 pm, ET.



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**Payment Process**

If you receive a scholarship, the Community Foundation will provide you with an award form requesting your contact information, a class photo, as well as the name of the college you will attend.

**Scholarship checks cannot be processed until the completed award form is returned to the Community Foundation.** The Community Foundation will make scholarship checks payable to the college or university indicated on the form and the check will be sent directly to the financial aid office in mid-July.

The scholarship must be used for non-taxable purposes including tuition, books, fees and/or equipment for coursework according to the Internal Revenue Service guideline.

Scholarship amounts are based on the availability of funds and are non-renewable unless otherwise indicated.

**If you are awarded the Founder's Scholarship,** you will be required to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per term/semester and maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA. If a student fails to complete either requirement, they will lose the scholarship for the following term/semester. Should the student return to good standing with a 2.5 GPA or higher, the scholarship would be reinstated. The scholarship of four (4) years for college or two (2) years for Community college or trade school will be available for six (6) years following the student's graduation from the Mackinac Island Public School. The student will be required to submit their past term grades and future term class schedule to receive the next terms tuition payment.

Students may request a deferred payment for up to one year. This exception is made on a case-by-case basis, depending on the student's circumstances. Please contact the Community Foundation at 906-847-3701 if you need to take advantage of having your scholarship deferred.

**NOTE:** Scholarships must be claimed or deferred **by October 31 or the scholarship will no longer be available** and the dollars will be directed back to the fund.

Please notify the Community Foundation of any changes in your contact information that was originally provided on your award form. This includes: Name, Mailing Address, Telephone Number and E-mail Address.



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**CHECKLIST**

*Please make sure all to follow all of the steps.*

- Academic Transcript and, if applicable, your college transcript with up-to-date GPA (digital file ready to upload)  
It is recommended that transcripts be added to applications closer to the due date.
- A compiled list of all academic and extra-curricular school activities throughout high school (activity, time involved/month, school year)
- A compiled list of all community service throughout high school (activity, time involved/month, school year)
- A compiled list of all honors and awards received (include school year(s))
- Your employment history and/or use of summertime
- Acquire letters of recommendation as required by the criteria of the specific scholarship (PDF form ready to upload).
- Personal essay telling us about you, your educational goals, where you see yourself in 10 years, your goals in life including those you have achieved as well as those you still wish to achieve and other pertinent information about yourself
  
- **Complete all portions of the online application** as required by the criteria of the specific scholarship online at [www.micf.org](http://www.micf.org) by Friday, March 13, 2026, 11:59 pm.



## **SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS**

### **\*Founders Scholarship Fund**

Created by island residents in 2010, this scholarship may supplement, any other Foundation Scholarships the student may receive.

#### **Multiple multi year (\$3,750 per year for up to 4 years)**

##### **Criteria/Requirements:**

- Planning to attend an university and/or community college, as well as all certified or degree programs in the trades will be eligible options to choose from for their education.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Mackinac Island Public School graduating senior having attended MIPS from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- MICF's Common Application Form (including transcripts and personal essay)
- 3 letters of recommendation (1 from MIPS professional staff and 2 from members of the community at large).

### **\*Frank Horn Scholarship**

This fund was established by friends of Frank Horn to honor his life. This fund will be used to assist past graduates of Mackinac Island Public School who want to further their education. This is decided by the Frank Horn Scholarship committee. This may be applied for any time of the year for a non-traditional student.

#### **Multiple Scholarships in Various Amounts**

##### **Criteria/Requirements:**

- Attended Mackinac Island Public School
- MICF's Common Application Form (including personal essay)

### **\*John Franks Scholarship**

This fund was established by John Franks and the Mackinac Island Public School to honor and encourage students to further their education at a college or university of higher learning.

#### **Multiple Scholarships in Various Amounts**

##### **Criteria/Requirements:**

- Planning to attend a two or a four-year college or university.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, Junior and Senior year.
- Mackinac Island Public School graduating senior having attended MIPS from 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- MICF's Common Application Form (including transcripts and personal essay)
- 3 letters of recommendation (1 from MIPS professional staff and 2 from members of the community at large).
- Consideration will be given to grade point average, ACT/SAT scores, class rank, school involvement, community service, leadership and recognition awards, work history and education goals.



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**\*Mark Gallagher Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in memory of Mark Gallagher, a young Island resident who wished to serve his community as a police officer. The scholarship assists students pursuing careers in law enforcement. If no graduate pursues such a degree, it will still be awarded.

**Multiple Scholarships in Various Amounts**

**Criteria/Requirements:**

- Priority will be given to those majoring in law enforcement, however equal consideration will be given to other applicants if a law enforcement major does not apply.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25,
- Mackinac Island Public School graduating senior or having graduated in the past 2 years, having attended MIPS from 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade, exceptions will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- 2 letters of recommendation, 1 from MIPS professional staff and a community member.
- MICF's Common Application Form (including transcripts and personal essay)
- Consideration will be given to school involvement, community service, leadership and recognition awards, work history and education goals.

**\*Margaret W. and Wesley H. Maurer Scholarship**

As co-publishers of the Mackinac Island Town Crier, Margaret and Wesley Maurer valued education. The scholarship is awarded to Mackinac Island Public School graduates seeking higher education.

**One Scholarship in Various Amounts**

**Criteria/Requirements:**

- Planning to attend a two or a four-year college or university.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25.
- Mackinac Island Public School graduating senior having attended MIPS from 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 2 letters of recommendation
- MICF's Common Application Form (including transcripts and personal essay)
- Consideration will be given to school involvement, community service, leadership and recognition awards, work history and education goals.

**\*Nancy Reeser Scholarship for Women**

Nancy Reeser enjoyed a successful career with Carleton Varney at Dorothy Draper & Company, Inc. in New York, and Reeser Advertising Agency in St. Petersburg, where she won many advertising awards. She was frequent guest at Grand Hotel where she created a lifelong love for Mackinac Island. The scholarship is awarded to Mackinac Island Public School graduates seeking higher education.

**Scholarships in Various Amounts**

**Criteria/Requirements:**

- Planning to attend a two or a four-year college or university.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25.
- Mackinac Island Public School graduating senior having attended MIPS from 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 2 letters of recommendation
- MICF's Common Application Form (including transcripts and personal essay)
- Consideration will be given to school involvement, community service, leadership and recognition awards, work history and education goals.
- Consideration will be given to those self-identify as a female.



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**\*Richard and Jane Manoogian and Mark Gallagher Scholarship**

Richard and Jane Manoogian created this fund to augment the Mark Gallagher Scholarship; this fund provides up to \$2,500 a year to island students to assist in their pursuit of higher education.

**One (1) \$2,500 Scholarship.**

**Criteria/Requirements:**

- Priority will be given to those majoring in law enforcement, however equal consideration will be given to other applicants if a law enforcement major does not apply.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25.
- Mackinac Island Public School graduating senior or having graduated in the past 2 years, having attended MIPS from 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade, exceptions will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- 2 letters of recommendation, 1 from MIPS professional staff and a community member.
- MICF's Common Application Form (including transcripts and personal essay)
- Consideration will be given to school involvement, community service, leadership and recognition awards, work history and education goals.

**\*Stella King Memorial Scholarship**

Started and perpetuated by friends of the late Stella King (nurse) who was instrumental in improving the quality of life for Island residents and visitors. The scholarship is awarded to Mackinac Island Public School graduates seeking higher education.

**Multiple Scholarships in Various Amounts**

**Criteria/Requirements:**

- Planning to attend an accredited vocational-tech program, community college or a four-year college or university.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25.
- Mackinac Island Public School graduating senior having attended MIPS from 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 2 letters of recommendation, 1 from MIPS professional staff and a community member.
- MICF's Common Application Form (including transcripts and personal essay)
- Consideration will be given to personal essay, school involvement, community service, leadership and recognition awards.



## 2026 COMMON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*Please refer to Scholarship Application Instruction 2065  
For direction through the application process.*

**Note: This page is provided for review and reference only.  
Complete your actual application online at [www.micf.org](http://www.micf.org).**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Applicant Name:

PO Box:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Physical address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Primary Phone:

Cell Phone (if different):

Email Address:

Mother's Name:

Father's Name:

Do you identify as a female?

Grade point average:

ACT Score:

SAT Score:

Are you returning to school as a non-traditional student?

### Activities/Employment/Volunteer

Current high school students: Please indicate school, extracurricular, community, and religious activities, as well as employment or volunteer experiences in which you have participated during high school.

Include such activities as clubs, athletic activities, fine arts, volunteer work, paid work, youth programs, scouting etc. List the grade year you were involved. Example: F, S, Jr, Sr. if you participated in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

If you have participated in any additional activities that you feel are relevant to this application, please list them.

If you volunteer, why do you volunteer?



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College/Career Information

List colleges to which you have applied (if currently a college student, name which college you are currently attending)

List Colleges to which you have been accepted.

Anticipated Major

What is your career goal?

Are you planning on a career in law enforcement field?

What are your sources of funding for college?

Personal Essay:

- Include a personal essay telling us about you, your educational goals, where you see yourself in 10 years, your goals in life including those you have achieved as well as those you still wish to achieve and other pertinent information about yourself.