
MANTON SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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Dear Community Leader:

RE: MANTON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Manton Scholars Program is seeking your help to spread the word about a scholarship opportunity for students who attend school in or are residents of nine towns in Massachusetts, or graduates of four specific high schools, AND who because of specific family medical circumstances will have difficulty paying for college and will benefit from scholarship support.

The Manton Scholars Program is seeking applications from students who are planning to pursue higher education in the fall of 2019 and whose families have been **significantly and negatively affected by the death or serious illness/incapacitation of a primary income earner, or the serious illness of an immediate family member** (i.e., parent/primary care giver or sibling). Eligible students must attend school in or be residents of one of the following nine towns for the last three years: **Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Maynard, Medway, Natick, Sherborn, Wayland or Westport OR** must have been enrolled for the last three years at **Dana Hall School, Groton School, St. Mark's School, or Worcester Technical High School**.

Scholars selected into the program will be eligible for up to four years of scholarship support at a two or four-year accredited college or university, or a trade school with a demonstrated track record of successfully placing graduates in long-term jobs. Schools must be located in the U.S or Canada. Scholarships will be up to \$30,000 annually. Award size is based on unmet financial need.

We hope you will help us to spread the word about this scholarship. The Manton Scholars Program guidelines are attached, along with a flyer you can post or include on a website.

This program seeks to support students:

- whose families have been significantly and negatively affected by the death or serious illness/incapacitation of a primary income earner, or the serious illness of an immediate family member
- who are planning to or already attend a two or four-year accredited college or university, or trade school in the fall of 2019
- who have unmet financial need and would benefit from scholarship support so they can pursue higher education
- who are residents of or have been attending school for the past three years in Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Maynard, Medway, Natick, Sherborn, Wayland or Westport OR have been attending school for the past three years at Dana Hall School, Groton School, St. Mark's School, or Worcester Technical High School

We invite you to share the Manton Scholars Program guidelines with eligible students attending college in fall 2019 who meet this program's criteria. **Applications will be accepted online.** For more information and application instructions, go to: <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/manton-scholars-program>

Applications must be submitted online by Friday, February 1, 2019 at noon.

The Manton Scholars Program is administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI). Please direct any questions to Sara D'Onofrio at 617-338-5884 or manton@tpi.org. Thank you in advance for your help.

About

The Manton Scholars Program is seeking applications from students who are planning to pursue higher education in the fall of 2019 and **whose families have been significantly and negatively affected by the death or serious illness/incapacitation of a primary income earner, or the serious illness of an immediate family member** (i.e., parent/primary care giver or sibling). Students must be U.S. citizens or non-citizens eligible to receive federal financial aid to apply.

Eligible students must attend school in or be residents of one of the nine towns, listed below, for the last three years or more:

- Carlisle
- Concord
- Dover
- Maynard
- Medway
- Natick
- Sherborn
- Wayland
- Westport

OR have been enrolled for the last three years or more at one of the schools listed below:

- Worcester Technical High School in Worcester, MA
- Groton School in Groton, MA
- St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA
- Dana Hall School in Wellesley, MA

This program is designed to provide tuition and related support and is dedicated to making college or other post-secondary education affordable for families who meet the specific criteria described in these guidelines. The program is funded by the Manton Foundation and administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) and the Boston Foundation.

Scholars selected into the program will be eligible to receive scholarship support at a two or four-year accredited college or university, or a trade school with a demonstrated track record of successfully placing graduates in long-term jobs. Schools must be located in the U.S or Canada. Students attending graduate school are not eligible. Scholarships will be up to \$30,000 annually. Award size is based on unmet financial need and will be determined in conjunction with the school the student plans to attend.

Goals

- To provide scholarship assistance to graduating seniors whose families' financial situations have been significantly and negatively affected by the death or serious illness/incapacitation of primary income earners, or the serious illness of an immediate family member (i.e., parent/primary care giver or sibling).
- To help students pursue Bachelor's or Associate's degrees or technical certification from a program with a demonstrated track record of successfully placing graduates in long-term jobs.

Eligibility Checklist

Residency

Students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Resident of or attend high school in one of the following towns (and have for the last three years):
 - Carlisle

- Concord
 - Dover
 - Maynard
 - Medway
 - Natick
 - Sherborn
 - Wayland
 - Westport
- Student enrolled at one of the following schools for at least three years:
- Worcester Technical High School – *Worcester, MA*
 - Dana Hall School – *Wellesley, MA*
 - Groton School – *Groton, MA*
 - St. Mark's School – *Southborough, MA*

Note: Students who are already enrolled in an eligible post-secondary institution may apply if they meet all of the other eligibility criteria.

Financial Circumstances

- The financial situation of the applicant's family must have been significantly and negatively affected by the death or serious illness/incapacitation of a primary income earners or the serious illness of an immediate family member (i.e., parent/primary care giver or sibling). See qualifying circumstances.
- Substantial unmet need as determined by college financial aid award letter or other documents (applicants will likely not know this at time of application).
- Students must have completed FAFSA.

Qualifying Circumstances

- Death or serious illness/incapacitation (e.g., cancer, stroke, brain injury, severe mental illness) of family's primary wage earner or immediate family member (parent/care giver or sibling). Qualifying circumstances include those that are sudden, unexpected and health related.

Exclusions Include:

- Chronic conditions (e.g., asthma, diabetes, etc.)
- Developmental disabilities (e.g., autism)
- Substance abuse

Eligible Post-Secondary Institutions

- Two or four year accredited college or university
- Accredited trade school that has a demonstrated track record of successfully placing graduates in long-term jobs

Note: Students attending graduate school are not eligible for scholarship support through this program.

Renewals

Scholarships are renewable provided the student completes a renewal application and remains in good academic standing. The student must also continue to have a comparable level of financial need as when the scholarship was

awarded. The majority of scholarships are renewed for up to 4 years. All renewal applications are reviewed annually on a case-by-case basis.

Process / Timeline

February 1, 2019 at noon: Application deadline

Late March/Early April: Semi-finalist interviews

Late April/May: Manton Scholars are selected and scholarship amounts are finalized

August: Scholarship checks mailed to schools

Instructions

Complete applications are due **Friday, February 1st, 2019 at noon**. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed. Please follow instructions carefully. Applicants' ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

To access the application, click here: <https://www.grantinterface.com/manton/common/logon.aspx>

1. Prior to completing the application, please be sure you meet all **eligibility requirements**. Ineligible applications will not be reviewed. The application guidelines can be found here: <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/manton-scholars-program>
2. **Required Documents:** Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application.
3. **Recommendations:** Make sure you give your recommenders ample time to complete the recommendations. Your recommender must upload their recommendation forms and letters to your online application. Instructions are included in the application. Only applications with two complete recommendations will be reviewed.
4. If you have **questions**, contact us at manton@tpi.org.

Required Documents

The following materials are required for the scholarship committee to evaluate each student. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered. Required document #2 can be downloaded at:

<http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/manton-scholars-program>

1. **Complete Application Submitted Online**
2. **Teacher/Counselor Recommendation** (to be filled out by a teacher or guidance counselor)
3. **General Recommendation** (to be filled out by a teacher, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows you well)
4. **Essays**
5. **Official High School Transcript**
6. **Transcript Information from School Official** (Section 1 of Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form)
7. Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s)' most recent **IRS 1040 tax forms**
8. Complete **Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA**. This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the ENTIRE document. The FAFSA website is www.fafsa.ed.gov.