



Scholarship Application Checklist 2024

If you are utilizing the Muskegon Area Promise with a minimum GPA of 3.25 and attending Muskegon Community or Baker College, congratulations! There is no need to complete a Community Foundation scholarship application as you are eligible for the Muskegon Promise. Feel free to apply once you've completed the Promise.

A complete scholarship application has three steps: submit the online application, request a transcript be sent to the Foundation, and send us a FAFSA Submission Summary (provided you are able to complete the FAFSA). Be sure that you have completed all three parts; your application will not be considered until all three parts are complete!

- To begin, go to <https://muskegonfoundation.org/scholarships/>
- "Click Here to Apply" button, and then select "Create New Account."
- Create login and password and write it down here:
Login: _____
Password: _____
- Deadline to submit your scholarship application, official transcript and FAFSA Submission Summary is **February 1, 2024**.

Other Tips

- You can save and edit your work at any time. Save often!
- Make sure to list any extracurricular activities, work & volunteer experience, etc.
- This one application allows you to be considered for multiple scholarships. So apply!
- Check email. We will let you know via email if we are missing any pieces to your application.
- As an added bonus, you'll also receive an email with a resume template based on info you submitted in your application in August. You'll have to make some adjustments, but it's a great start!
- You will find out if you have received a scholarship in April and will be recognized at your high school awards ceremony. Current college students will be notified by mail in June.
- Questions? Contact: Diana Giles, Scholarship Coordinator, at 231-332-4104 or diana@muskegonfoundation.org.

Four Essay Questions (The application includes essay questions. Be detailed. Punctuation and spelling are important.)

1. Explain your future education and career goals and how you have prepared to achieve these goals. (Make good use of the opportunity to tell us about yourself.)
2. What teacher, opportunity, or activity that you've been involved in has given you the most hope for your future?
3. Tell us about something you did that helped your community. (e.g., your school, neighborhood, church, community organization, etc.)
4. Explain any additional factors you believe should be considered in review of your scholarship application (e.g., family circumstances, siblings in college, etc.)
5. Optional - if you are unable to submit your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS), use this section to share what barriers you are encountering related to your FSS. You may share additional context about your household financial circumstances we should consider.