



Making A Real Difference Scholarship Guidelines

Since 1898, West Shore Bank has been committed to serving families and individuals in Mason, Manistee, Benzie, Oceana, Muskegon, Wayne and Grand Traverse Counties. Making a Real Difference in the lives of our community members from generation to generation.

West Shore Bank will award up to ten (10) scholarships, in amount of \$1,000 per award based on applicant's college/university choice. **NOTE: Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student(s) upon completing the full application guidelines and requirements.**

Criteria and eligibility (Scholarship applicants)

1. Must attend a high school located in the 6-county West Shore Bank service area of Mason, Manistee, Benzie, Oceana, Muskegon, Wayne, and Grand Traverse Counties.
2. Applicants must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicants must have at least a **3.0 cumulative grade point average** (or a "B" average).
4. Must enroll and plan to attend a College or University, **which is not a community college**, the first semester following high school graduation.
5. Applicants may not be related to any Board of Directors or staff of West Shore Bank.

General Instructions

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **March 31, 2026, 11:00 p.m.** (no exceptions).
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type and print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at <https://www.westshorebank.com/making-a-difference-scholarships>.
5. You will be notified by email in April regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please email marketing@westshorebank.com

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
3. Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A copy of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.

Deadline for the application is **March 31, 2026, 11:00 p.m.** Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail application to:
West Shore Bank
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
201 W. Loomis St.
Ludington, MI 49431

Or Submit application online here:
<https://www.westshorebank.com/making-a-difference-scholarships>

Date of Application: _____

Please **type** or **print** your answers. If the application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

1.	Last Name: _____	First Name: _____					
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____						
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: () _____		Email: _____				
4.	Date of Birth: Month _____	Day _____	Year _____				
5.	Are you related to any of West Shore Bank's Board of Directors or staff? (Please circle) Yes No						
6.	Current High School: _____			Number of years attended: _____			
7.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2026</u> : _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required before funds are released to the student, college or university.						
8.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official high school transcript is required.						
9.	Have you taken the ACT exam? Score _____ If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____ SAT exam? Score _____ If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____						
10.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home/Mobile phone of parents or legal guardians: _____						
12.	List the name of any college/dual enrollment you have attended.			Year Began	Year Ended	Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale)	Type of Degree Received (If applicable)
	A.	_____			_____	_____	_____
	B.	_____			_____	_____	_____
13.	What do you plan to major in as you continue your education?						

14.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable)		
	A.	Tuition:	Amount: \$
	B.	Books:	Amount: \$
	C.	Room & Board:	Amount: \$
	D.	Other expenses:	Amount: \$ Describe below under comments
Comments:			
15.	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter: (Other financial assistance will not affect your scholarship eligibility.)		
	A.	Personal:	Amount: \$
	B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$ List below under comments
	C.	Grants:	Amount: \$ List below under comments
	D.	Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$ List below under comments
	E.	Other Financial Resources:	Amount: \$ List below under comments
Comments:			

16.	List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:

17.	List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

20.	A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.) C. Check “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.		
	YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely.
	YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A <u>copy</u> of your college acceptance letter is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	Most recent <u>official</u> high school transcripts. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>acceptable</u> , if transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Bank’s scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to West Shore Bank’s Scholarship eligibility, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant’s guardian/ parent: _____ Date: _____



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