

The Kelbaugh Alumni Scholarship is designed to empower Museum School graduates as they take the next step in their educational journeys. The scholarship celebrates TMS graduates who exemplify our core values of respect, responsibility, creativity, cooperation, kindness, and sustainability. This scholarship supports alumni as they prepare for post-secondary education, recognizing personal growth, leadership, and service to others.

The award is designed for students who embody the school's core values in their academic, personal, and community efforts. The award can be used for educational expenses, including tuition, books, and necessary supplies. By investing in our alumni, we continue the legacy of empowering compassionate, responsible, and creative leaders.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an alumnus* of The Museum School of Avondale Estates enrolled in or with plans to enroll in a post-secondary institution (2 year college, university, technical school).
- Demonstrated commitment to personal growth, resilience, and community involvement.
- Completion of the application, including essays and a recommendation.
- Proof of college acceptance or current enrollment (applicants may be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs)
- Previous Kelbaugh Scholarship Award winners are not eligible

Application Components:

1. Personal Information Section: Name, graduation year, contact information.
2. Academic Information: Current school, GPA (not considered as the primary factor).
3. College Information: Proof of acceptance or current enrollment.
4. Short Essay Prompts (Choose 2 prompts, no more than 250 words each):
 - o Describe how you have demonstrated *responsibility* in your educational journey and how this value will guide you in college.
 - o Share a moment when you used *creativity* and/or *cooperation* to solve a problem or create positive change in your community.
 - o Share your personal journey and how your experience at The Museum School has shaped you and your future goals.
 - o Describe a challenge you have overcome and how it has prepared you for success in college.
5. Letter of Recommendation: From a mentor, teacher, counselor, or community leader who can speak to the applicant's embodiment of core values. Applicants are welcome to use a letter of recommendation collected for another opportunity.
6. List of Activities and Achievements: Including school involvement, community service, work experience, and personal milestones.

7. Optional: Statement of financial need or personal barriers faced, including first-generation college status or family challenges.
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Monitoring & Follow-Up:

- Award Disbursement: Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient.
- Recipient Agreement: The recipient will sign a commitment letter affirming their continued commitment to the core values and proper use of the scholarship.
- Progress Sharing: Recipients will be encouraged to provide brief updates at the end of each semester (during the scholarship year).
- Alumni Engagement: Recipients are encouraged to remain connected with The Museum School by:
 - o Attending future school events as a guest speaker or volunteer,
 - o Mentoring younger students, and/or
 - o Submitting impact stories or reflections for the school newsletter or website.

How to Apply:

- [Complete the scholarship application form](#)
- Provide a letter of recommendation
- Submit proof of college acceptance or enrollment

Application Deadline: June 15, 2026

Applications will be redacted and reviewed by a committee of Foundation Board, Governing Board, TMS staff, and parent/caregiver representatives.

2025 Scholarship recipients will be notified by July 10, 2026. The Foundation expects to award three-five \$1000 scholarships annually.

* Alumnus – A student that attended The Museum School for at least 2 full academic school years.