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Grant Application Form

Applicant Name:
Address:
Date of Birth:

NOTE: For applicants under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must co-sign this application.

Applicants who have previously submitted a Tripoli Foundation grant application are not required to complete the full application again. Please update your original submission with current information as needed, including any revisions to your academic, professional, or personal goals, as well as how you would intend to utilize the grant if selected.

Non-School Email Address:
Cellular Phone:
Other Phone:
Grade Level:
School Name, address, and contact person (e.g., registrar):

Are you currently enrolled in the school above? *Note: If your application is selected for further review, we may require additional confirmation of your enrollment status from the university or school that you attend.*

If not, are you currently enrolled in another school? Please provide information on the current school.

SIGN HERE: _____ **DATE**: _____

Parent or Guardian signature (if under 18):

SIGN HERE: _____ **DATE**: _____

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 30TH, 2026

Submit all documents on standard letter paper and send by email or US mail/package service to:

Marissa@TripoliFoundation.org

OR

Louis Tripoli c/o Tripoli Foundation
PMB #120
9506 Olive Blvd
Olivette, MO 63132

APPLICATION – PART 1

How much money are you applying for? (Note: The maximum grant is $5,000.00 per student per academic year, but if you are selected to receive a grant, the Foundation may award a smaller amount based on the availability of funds).

Explain here (or attach a separate document with your name on it) in 100 words or less how you intend to use the funds (e.g., tuition, living expenses):

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APPLICATION – PART 2

Please read the following background information and write an essay in under 1,000 words on how you reflect the values of the TRIPOLI FOUNDATION in your life, based on actual, verifiable experiences. Be sure to write your name, the date, and sign your essay at the end.

> *Mission: the mission of the Tripoli Foundation is to provide financial support in the form of grants to aspiring students who reflect the values of the Foundation.*
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> *Vision: to contribute to the future well-being of the people of the United States by facilitating education for worthy students.*
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> *Values: The Tripoli Foundation and its board cherish and respect all of humanity and believe that every student should have an opportunity to contribute to a better society.*

The Tripoli Foundation provides educational support to aspiring students in almost any field of study at any level. The Foundation seeks students who represent the ideals of Charles J. Tripoli, MD, whose memory the Foundation cherishes. The Foundation provides grants without any qualifications except merit and consistency with its mission and values. However, the Foundation will not support requests that further the interests of a political or religious group or organization, and it will not support funding institutions that engage in activities that the Foundation deems wasteful. Students are free to use Foundation grants for any purpose, including living expenses, as long as they further the student's academic pursuits.

Biography of Charles J. Tripoli, MD

Charles James Tripoli was born in Derry, Pennsylvania, on April 17, 1930, the first child of Italian immigrants who came to America for better lives, and as a result, were loyal and patriotic. His father was a barber and shopkeeper.

Charles studied at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, graduating with the class of 1955. He was an intern at St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh, where he met and married Rita Rose Gabriel, a nurse. He entered military service in the US Navy Medical Corps and served on active duty for several years and then in the US Navy Reserve and was discharged as a Lieutenant Commander. In 1959, the family moved from Norman, Oklahoma, where he was stationed, back to the Pittsburgh area, settling in Washington, Pennsylvania, where Dr. Tripoli served the community

as a general practitioner and family practitioner until his retirement in 2016, at the age of 86. He died on November 5, 2022, at the age of 92.

Dr. Tripoli was known to be tirelessly devoted to his patients. He worked seven days a week and rarely took time off. He delivered babies, set broken bones, went on house calls, accepted anyone, especially those who could not afford to pay, and was always attentive and available. He was the model small town general practitioner. He was devoted to the memory of his beloved mother, who died of leukemia when Charles was 20 years old, and it was partly due to this tragedy and his devotion to her memory that he dedicated himself to the service of the sick.

He loved his service in the Navy, but he was a lifelong pacifist. He and Rita were ostracized for being friends with an African American officer and his family. One of the most enduring characteristics of Dr. Tripoli is his devotion to equity and fairness to all, and he was courageous about racial prejudice at a time when it was rampant. He loved the United States and what it stands for, while continuing the traditions of his ancestral origins. Currently, the US Office of Management and Budget officially categorizes people of southern European origin as “white” without any particular ethnicity in official terms, but the attitude towards Italian Americans in the twentieth century was not the same. The Ku Klux Klan burned crosses on Mossholder Hill in Derry, Pennsylvania, in an attempt to intimidate undesirable immigrants while Charles Tripoli was a child. As with other racial and ethnic groups, there were significant challenges for people of southern European ancestry to obtain employment in certain sectors and professions. Admission to medical school was and still is reserved for the few who make the grade; at that time, it took an exceptional person to be selected for medical training, and certain demographic groups had additional challenges.

Charles and Rita Tripoli were also devoted to raising a family. They had eight children and adopted four children from overseas. The family included a foster child from Vietnam and support for members of her extended family as well. It was important to Charles and Rita Tripoli that their children were able to focus on their studies, and they were adamant that education was their primary ‘job’.

On the rare occasions that he left his practice, Charles served on humanitarian medical missions in many places where help was needed to serve the sick and victims of disaster. In association with Catholic Charities, between 2000 and 2008, Dr. Tripoli took part in three missions to Mexico, one to Guatemala, eight to Honduras, and one to Haiti. Dr. Tripoli was fluent in Spanish and thus an invaluable resource to the patients he served in Central and South America.

Dr. Tripoli was a deeply religious and faithful man, and he lived his life adhering to code of ethics that he never violated. While the Foundation does not support any particular religion, high ethical standards are expected of its awardees.

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While he was a man of medical science, Dr. Tripoli loved music, especially classical and opera. He played several instruments and sang.

One of his most enduring legacies was education. He was the first in his family to achieve an advanced academic degree. He made sure that his children had access to any level of education possible and supported education among his grandchildren.

Dr. Tripoli was also fond of languages. He was fluent in Italian (and the Sicilian dialect) and Spanish and was versed in Latin and German. He was also very fond of English grammar (Note: Dr. Tripoli's legacy of proper English will be a consideration for your essay – spelling, writing style, and grammar are important.)

In summary, the life of Dr. Tripoli demonstrated these characteristics. The Foundation seeks applicants who reflect these characteristics, not just in word, but in deed:

1. Humanitarianism: Selfless devotion to others, especially the sick, poor, and struggling.
2. Ethics: Personal integrity, honesty, and faith.
3. Learning: Continuous self-improvement.
4. Patriotism
5. Generosity
6. Non-violence
7. Equity and Fairness
8. Scientific learning
9. Arts and music
10. Self-reliance

ESSAY PROMPT:

How do you reflect the values and interests of Charles Tripoli? How will you perpetuate his legacy in the future?

Please drop your essay into this document or include as an attachment. Congratulations and good luck!

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