



MMB Recommended Scholarships

Below are scholarships that Minds Matter Boston highly recommends all MMB students consider. Pay attention to eligibility and timeline requirements to ensure you create an effective and personalized plan to apply to the scholarships that are most relevant to your situation and profile.

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The Posse Foundation Scholarship	
What does the scholarship cover?	Full 4-year tuition leadership and merit-based scholarship from Posse partner colleges/universities; students placed in a “posse” of ~10 students; Posse is binding and nominees go through an extensive 3-part interview process. Posse scholarship recipients are chosen to go to a Posse partner college. Posse partner colleges are: Union College, Bucknell University, Centre College, Rutgers University, and Bryn Mawr College.
Who is eligible?	Students are nominated as juniors in high school and begin the application process the summer before their senior year.
How much is covered?	4-year full tuition (does not include room and board).
How to apply?	Must be nominated by MMB or high school. Interested students can also express their interest in being nominated to MMB Staff. Visit their website to learn more!
How does MMB support?	Nominated students should work with their mentors for support on the application, including essay writing and letters of recommendation. Nominated students will be invited along with their mentors to attend a MMB Posse Info Session in the summer for an overview of Posse and preparation for the first round interview. Students who are selected to move on to the second and third round interviews will have personalized meetings with



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	MMB staff to review best practices and tips. Nominees are also connected with former Posse Scholars.
Deadlines:	Nominees must confirm their spot by mid-June.

**Class of 2022 MMB Senior, Angie Quiroz, is the 2022 recipient of this scholarship!*

QuestBridge	
What does the scholarship cover?	QuestBridge is a loan-free, full-ride to one of 41 partner schools. Finalists will rank up to 12 of the 41 schools they are interested in. QuestBridge is binding, meaning students will commit to attending the highest ranked school on the list to which they are admitted.
Who is eligible?	Seniors should be in the top 10% of your class with an ACT of 28 or above to apply.
How much is covered?	Loan-free, full-ride (includes room and board).
How to apply?	Application opens in the summer. Nominations not needed to begin application. Visit their website to learn more!
How does MMB support?	Information about the application will be shared with students in the spring of junior year and reminders on when the application opens will be emailed over the summer. Students applying to this scholarship should work with their mentors for support on deliverables such as essay writing and letters of recommendation.
Deadlines:	Late September.

**Class of 2022 MMB Senior, Charlotte Cano Polanco, is the 2022 recipient of this scholarship!*

The ALKU Scholarship	
What does the scholarship cover?	The ALKU Scholarship is a college scholarship for rising high school seniors. The scholarship provides youth the opportunity to



	apply for financial support to achieve their full potential as they pursue their college careers.
Who is eligible?	Students in the 11th grade (junior year) of high school. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria: Demonstrated financial need. The student's clear desire, motivation, and passion to attend college (please indicate a post-secondary education plan). Connection of impactful mentoring relationship. Demonstrated work and/or leadership experience outside of school (employment, internships, volunteer work, community involvement, etc.).
How much is covered?	\$30,000 (The award will be disbursed in \$3,750 increments, once per semester, over the scholar's consecutive four years in college, totaling \$30,000)
How to apply?	Application opens in the spring. Nominations not needed to begin application. Visit their website to learn more!
How does MMB support?	Information about the application will be shared with students in the spring of junior year and reminders on when the application opens will be emailed over the summer. Students applying to this scholarship should work with their mentors for support on deliverables such as essay writing and letters of recommendation. Applications must include one (1) letter of recommendation from the applicant's mentor.
Deadlines:	Apply now! Due in July.

The Gates Scholarship

What does the scholarship cover?	The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to 300 of these student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.
Who is eligible?	A high school senior. From at least one of the following ethnicities: African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native*, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American. Pell-eligible. A US citizen, national, or permanent resident. In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted



	GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). An outstanding academic record in high school (in the top 10% of his/her graduating class). Demonstrated leadership ability (e.g., as shown through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities). Exceptional personal success skills (e.g., emotional maturity, motivation, perseverance, etc.)
How much is covered?	Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, and transportation, and may include other personal costs.
How to apply?	Students must complete an online application. Visit their website to learn more!
How does MMB support?	Information about the application will be shared with students in the spring of junior year and reminders on when the application opens will be emailed over the summer. Students applying to this scholarship should work with their mentors for support on deliverables such as essay writing and letters of recommendation.
Deadlines:	Opens in July; Due September.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship

What does the scholarship cover?	The Cooke College Scholarship Program is an undergraduate scholarship program available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from the nation's top four-year colleges and universities. Students attending an accredited four-year university. You will also receive educational advising, cohort-based programming, grad school funding, and a network of 2500+ JKCF Scholars & alumni
Who is eligible?	Seniors must have a GPA of 3.5 or above.
How much is covered?	Up to \$40,000/year.
How to apply?	Application opens in the fall. Nominations not needed to begin application. Visit their website to learn more!
How does MMB	Information about the application will be shared with students in



support?	the spring of junior year and reminders on when the application opens will be emailed over the summer. Students applying to this scholarship should work with their mentors for support on deliverables such as essay writing and letters of recommendation.
Deadlines:	Applications open early September; Due mid-November.

Red Pine Scholarship

What does the scholarship cover?	The Red Pine Scholars Program is dedicated to making college affordable for Massachusetts families and helping students reach their full potential. Red Pine supports high school seniors and recent graduates from Massachusetts who have demonstrated academic excellence and are planning to attend competitive colleges as freshmen.
Who is eligible?	Permanent resident of Massachusetts. US citizens and non-citizens are welcome to apply. Senior at accredited high school in Massachusetts. Strong academic record (enrolled in a demanding, college-prep course of study). The student has challenging financial circumstances. Student demonstrates strong character and ability to positively contribute to the Red Pine Scholars community.
How much is covered?	A four-year scholarship of up to \$20,000 annually, plus individual mentoring, funding for enrichment opportunities, and other supports throughout college
How to apply?	Application opens in the fall. Nominations not needed to begin application. Visit their website to learn more!
How does MMB support?	Information about the application will be shared with students in the spring of junior year and reminders on when the application opens will be emailed over the summer. Students applying to this scholarship should work with their mentors for support on deliverables such as essay writing and letters of recommendation. Applications must include one (2) letter of recommendation (one of which should be from the applicant's mentor).
Deadlines:	Opens in the winter; Due February



John and Abigail Adams Scholarship	
What does the scholarship cover?	The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is a merit-based program that provides a credit toward tuition for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. For this scholarship, merit is based on student scores on the 10th grade Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test.
Who is eligible?	Students must meet the following criteria: Score in the Advanced category on one of three high school state assessment tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, or STE (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics or Technology/Engineering). Score in the Proficient or Advanced category on the remaining two high school state assessment tests. Have a combined MCAS score on these assessments that ranks in the top 25% in their school district.
How much is covered?	Recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship are eligible for an award of a merit-based credit toward tuition. Individual student awards at State Universities and Community Colleges shall be no more than the resident undergraduate tuition rate at the participating institutions. Individual student awards at the University of Massachusetts shall be valued at \$1,714 at Amherst, \$1,714 at Boston, \$1,417 at Dartmouth, and \$1,454 at Lowell. Click here to see the current and recent value of the Adams Scholarship. This tuition credit cannot be combined with any other tuition credits.
How to apply?	There is no application process for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Students that are eligible for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship will be notified in the fall of their senior year in high school.
How does MMB support?	Information about the application will be shared with students in the spring of junior year. Students should review John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Guidelines .
Deadlines:	Varies.

