

ILLMA E. YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application

What is the Illma E. Young memorial scholarship?

The Illma E. Young Memorial Scholarship is a merit and financial need based scholarship honoring the memory of Illma E. Young of Oconto, Wisconsin.

Over the course of Mrs. Young's life she served as a tireless leader for the American Gold Star Mothers, which is dedicated to mothers who have lost a child in the U.S. Armed Services. Illma served as the president of both the Wisconsin branch and the Oconto WI Chapter, and helped many women work through their personal loss. Illma was also a steadfast leader and member of the Oconto First Presbyterian Church and served across a number of leadership roles and as a church deacon.

However, Mrs. Young did all of these things not for the formal titles or accolades. She was genuinely committed to her friends, family and community and never wavered in her support, love and understanding to their health and happiness.

Applicants to the Illma E. Young Memorial Scholarship are self-nominated and one applicant annually will be recognized with a one-time scholarship award from the John Schmit and Megan Foret Foundation for their pursuit of a post-secondary education.

One scholarship award of \$2,000 will be given for the upcoming academic school year. This will be paid directly to the award recipient in two \$1,000 installments. The first installment will be paid in May/June. The second installment requires proof of a 2.667 GPA on a minimum of 12 academic credits during their first semester, as well as proof of enrollment for the second semester.

What are the guidelines to be eligible for the award?

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior attending Oconto or Lena, Wisconsin High School
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above
- Demonstrate leadership abilities in school, work, community, or extra-curricular activities
- Be accepted to and plan to attend an accredited non-profit post-secondary college, university, or vocational/technical school in the United States
- Have demonstrated financial need for higher education as demonstrated by the Student Aid Index (SAI) on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

What are we looking for in scholarship candidates?

Successful candidates are committed to academic excellence and are responsible and caring leaders. Strong consideration will be given to students' unique circumstances and economic need as demonstrated by their EFC and personal essay.

How can scholarship funds be used?

Scholarship funds may be used for "qualified" educational expenses as defined by the IRS, and include tuition, required books and equipment, and required student activity fees. For more

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information on qualified educational expenses please consult IRS Publication 970 on Tax Benefits for Education.

Are there any other scholarship benefits?

In addition to the scholarship award, the John Schmit and Megan Foret Foundation will offer award recipients optional guidance and mentorship through your college experience. This aspect of the award will be tailored to the needs of the recipient and will be discussed in more detail when the individual is notified of selection for an award.

How do you apply?

To be considered for an award all applicants must complete the full application below and return the completed application, a copy of their high-school academic transcripts, and a copy of their college or university acceptance letter in electronic format to

hello@johnandmeganfoundation.org no later than March 31. Incomplete applications will not be considered. The scholarship recipient will be notified by telephone on or before April 30th.

Is there any place else I can get more information?

All information is contained in this application. However, feel free to visit our website at www.johnandmeganfoundation.org or email questions to hello@johnandmeganfoundation.org.

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TODAY'S DATE: / /					
APPLICANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION					
Last Name		First		Middle	
D.O.B. (mm/dd/yy)				/ /	
Current Street Address				Apt/Unit #	
City				State	ZIP
Phone			E-mail		

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE					
High School 1					
From (mm/yy)	/	To (mm/yy)	/	Cumulative GPA	
High School 2 (if multiple)					
From (mm/yy)	/	To (mm/yy)	/	Cumulative GPA	

Please provide copies of all high-school transcripts

EXTRA-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCE (OPTIONAL)					
Activity 1				Your role	
City		State		Approximate # of members	
State date (mm/yy)	/	End date (mm/yy)	/	Estimated # of hours per week	
Brief description of accomplishments					
Activity 2				Your role	
City		State		Approximate # of members	
State date (mm/yy)	/	End date (mm/yy)	/	Estimated # of hours per week	
Brief description of accomplishments					
Activity 3				Your role	
City		State		Approximate # of members	
State date (mm/yy)	/	End date (mm/yy)	/	Estimated # of hours per week	
Brief description of accomplishments					

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WORK EXPERIENCE (OPTIONAL)

Current or most recent employer

Your Job Title

City

State

Estimated # of
hours per week

Phone

Supervisor's Name

Employment
start date (mm/yy)

/

Employment end
date (mm/yy)

/

Reason for
leaving

Previous employer

Your Job Title

City

State

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leaving

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR OTHER POST-SECONDARY ATTENDANCE

What college or university do you plan to attend?

City

State

Start date (mm/yy)

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Intended major (state "Undecided" if unknown)

Please provide a copy of your college or university acceptance letter

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FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION

To complete this section applicants use details from their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA details can be found at <https://studentaid.gov/>.

We will also accept an approximation of Student Aid Index which can be calculated at <https://finaid.org/calculators/saicalculator/>

Estimated Financial Need	
Student Aid Index (SAI):	

Supporting details	Applicants Information
Dependency Status: ⁽¹⁾	
Number in Family: <i>(include yourself + parents + siblings who live in the same home as you)</i>	
Number of Children in College: <i>(including yourself)</i>	
Student's Adjusted Gross Income for Previous Year:	
Student's Assets: <i>(checking, savings, investments etc.)</i>	
Parent Adjusted Gross Income: ⁽²⁾	
Parent Assets: ⁽²⁾ <i>(checking, savings, investments, business assets, etc.)</i>	

(1) See here for details: <http://www.finaid.org/calculators/dependency.phtml>

(2) Use the table below to determine whose information to provide

Parents' Marital Status:	Provide Income and Asset Information for:
Never Married	The parent you lived with most during the last 12 months
Unmarried and both parents living together	Both of your parents
Married	Both of your parents
Remarried (after being widowed or divorced)	Both your parent and step-parent
Divorced or Separated	The parent you lived with most during the last 12 months
Widowed	Your surviving parent

Estimated School Costs:

Information about school costs can be obtained from the University's admissions and/or financial aid office, financial aid and admissions brochures and catalogs provided by the college or university or by consulting college cost references such as those published by Peterson's. Please enter the costs for a single year.

Estimated School Cost	Applicants Information
Tuition:	
Fees:	
Room and Board:	
Books and Supplies:	
Transportation to/from Home:	
Health Insurance:	

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Incidental Expenses:	
Total Estimated Cost of Attendance: <i>(sum of the above)</i>	

LEADERSHIP ESSAY

What does leadership mean to you, and how have you demonstrated leadership? (up to 500 words)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPTIONAL)

Is there anything else you would like the scholarship committee to know about you? (up to 300 words)

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SIGNATURE

Please read carefully

I understand that any misrepresentations, false statements or omissions of facts made by me in connection with this application will be sufficient grounds for cancellation of consideration of my application or immediate requirement of repayment of scholarship proceeds if I am selected as a recipient of a scholarship award.

I also understand that this application is not a contract, and that completion of this application does not in any way obligate The John Schmit and Megan Foret Family Foundation to provide me a scholarship award.

I have read the above prior to signing this application and I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I have read and understand the above disclosure (**PLEASE CHECK**)

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I consent to the use of electronic signature (**PLEASE CHECK**)

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E-Signature
(please type your name)

Date

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