



West Shore Bank Making A Real Difference Scholarship Guidelines

Since 1898 West Shore Bank has been committed to helping families in the six-county area in which we serve improve their financial well-being. These counties include Mason, Manistee, Benzie, Muskegon, Oceana and Grand Traverse of Michigan. We've been ***Making A Real Difference*** in the lives of our community members from generation to generation. To Learn more about West Shore Bank and our mission please visit www.westshorebank.com:

For 2024, the Scholarship Fund's award ceiling is \$6,000, West Shore Bank will award approximately six (6) scholarships, in amount of \$1,000 per award based on applicant's college/university choice. **NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the student upon evidence of registration in an accredited higher educational institution.**

Criteria and eligibility (Scholarship applicants)

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

General Instructions

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **April 12, 2024, 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://info.westshorebank.com/wsb-scholarship>
5. You will be notified by email in May 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. Letter addressed to the Scholarship Committee containing a brief explanation about yourself and your college plans (college/university, intended major, and anticipated start date). Letter should not exceed one (1) page.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.
4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
5. Personal Essay. Essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Essay shall contain no grammatical errors.

Deadline for the application is **April 12, 2024, 11:00 p.m.** Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail application to:
West Shore Bank
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
400 East Eighth Street
Traverse City, MI 49686

Or Submit application online here:
<https://info.westshorebank.com/wsb-scholarship>





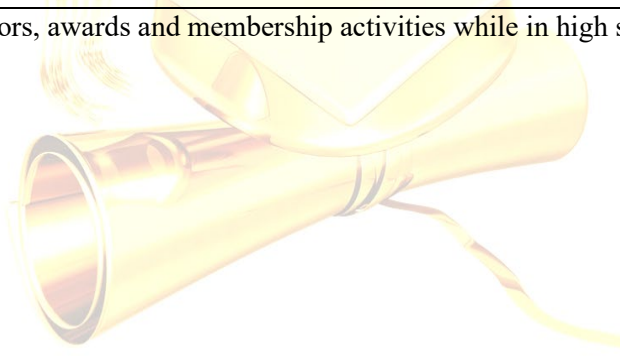
Making A Real Difference Scholarship Application 2024

Date of Application: _____

Please **type** or **print** your answers. If 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: _____				
4.	Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____				
5.	Are you related to any of West Shore Bank Board of Directors or staff? (Please check) Yes _____ No _____				
6.	Current High School: _____	Number of years attended: _____			
7.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall</u> of 2024: _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to funds being released to the college or university.				
8.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official high school transcript 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/GuardianName _____ Parent/GuardianName _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home/Mobile phone of parents or legal guardians: _____				
11.	Name and city of other high schools attended: _____	Number of years attended: _____			
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 specialty/major 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:
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18.	<p>Personal Essay Please answer the following question: What goals (educational, professional, and personal) do you have for your future career? What specific traits do you possess that will enhance and help you achieve those goals? How will these goals, help you make a difference?</p> <p>This question must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.</p>
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19.	<p>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.</p>		
	YES	NO	Completed application. All questions are answered completely.
	YES	NO	Letter to Scholarship Committee. Not exceeding one (1) page. Must be typed.
	YES	NO	Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.
	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.
	YES	NO	Personal Essay. Must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman font. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.

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: _____

