

**MONROE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.  
MONROE, CT 06468**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Applications will be evaluated based on academic performance, leadership, community service and financial need. Scholarships are available for various areas of study, including (but not limited to) General Studies, Education, Medical fields, Science/Engineering, Humanities, Fine Arts, Fashion Design and Theater (set design).

**1. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Applicant must reside in Monroe, CT at the time of application.
- B. Student must be a senior in high school and ranked in the top 30% of his/her class.
- C. Student must enroll in a two or four year program at an accredited college or university.
- D. Student must successfully complete the first semester of college or university to receive the award.
- E. All applications are reviewed without regard to race, gender, religion or national origin.
- F. All applicant information will be kept strictly confidential and disposed of properly.
- G. Funds awarded by the Monroe Scholarship Fund, Inc. are one-time only and non-negotiable.

**2. SUBMISSION CHECKLIST (TWO COPIES OF ALL ITEMS ARE REQUIRED)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Application Deadline: Tuesday April 6, 2021**  
*No applications received after this deadline will be considered.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Two copies** of the completed application
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Two copies** of your high school transcript (available through the Pupil Services)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Two copies** of your Academic Resume
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Two copies** of your parents' **2019 or 2020 Federal Income Tax Return** (1040 forms only—**do not** include any accompanying forms or worksheets). Delete or cross out Social Security numbers. Parents filing separately must both provide tax forms.

Mail or Deliver All Items to:  
**Monroe Scholarship Fund, Inc.**  
**c/o Sheri Szymanski**  
**93 Ripton Ridge Road**  
**Monroe, CT 06468**

*Please note that failure to submit an income tax return(s) to the above address by April 6, 2021 will invalidate your application. Older tax returns will NOT be accepted for the purpose of this application.*

**3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS**

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Masuk High School Senior Awards Night. Recipients attending other schools will be notified by mail during the first week of June.

**4. CERTIFICATION / CONTACT INFORMATION**

I hereby declare that I have read the above statements and that all information included herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct.

Signature of Applicant	Date	Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date
Applicant's Full Name (printed)		Parent or Guardian's Full Name (Printed)	
Applicant's Phone# _____		email _____	

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**I. ACADEMIC AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR BACKGROUND**

*Provide the following information in the spaces provided below.*

- A. Current High School \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Elementary School(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Intermediate School(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_

*Attach your Academic resume for items D through G.*

- D. Academic Honors
- E. Extra-curricular Honors (Art, Athletics, Drama, Music, Vocational, etc.)
- F. Clubs/Organizations/Societies (Include any offices or positions of leadership held)
- G. Other Achievements (Briefly describe accomplishments other than scholastic such as church, civic, humanitarian, entrepreneurial, etc.)

**II. PERSONAL/FAMILY INFORMATION**

- A. **Parents' Marital Status** (circle one): Married Single Divorced/Separated Widowed
- B. **# of Dependent Children & Their Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Ages
- C. **# of Dependent Children Attending College/University Fall 2021:** \_\_\_\_\_ (including applicant).
- D. Does the applicant have a parent/guardian currently serving in the U.S. Military? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Does the applicant have a parent/guardian who is a U.S. Military Veteran? \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Is the applicant considering ROTC or service in a Military Reserve Unit? \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Is the applicant the first member of their family to attend college/university? \_\_\_\_\_
- H. **Special Family Circumstances (if any)** – If unable to provide both parents' tax forms, please explain here. Examples of Special Family circumstances include separation/divorce, death, financial problems, illness, etc.:

**III. EDUCATION SAVINGS**

- A. Outline below your efforts to earn/save money toward your education. Please include a short summary of your work experience (if applicable) including duties, total weekly hours and length of time worked.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Have you received any other grants or scholarships toward your education?  
Please describe. Total Dollar Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

A. Identify Schools to Which You Have Been Accepted or Wait Listed:

B. First Choice School: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition : \_\_\_\_\_  
Room/Board: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Fees: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Planned Area(s) of Study: *(If undecided, list Areas of Interest)*

Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

#### V. ESSAY

**Your essay will be evaluated on substance, logic, grammar and creativity. Please complete the essay on a separate piece of paper. Choose ONE of the following essays to complete.**

*Write about a person who has had the greatest influence on your life. What impact has this person had on your academic and personal goals?*

***Or***

*The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?*

**If you have any questions concerning this application, call/text 203-685-0247 or email [monroescholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:monroescholarshipfund@gmail.com).**

## **Monroe Scholarship Fund Application FAQs**

### **How many Scholarships are awarded each year?**

*This varies from year-to-year, depending on donor activity. Usually between 8-12 Monroe Scholarship Fund scholarships are awarded.*

### **How much are scholarship awards?**

*Scholarships are usually between \$1,000-2,000. Occasionally lower or higher amounts are awarded, depending on the donor's wishes.*

### **How are scholarship recipients selected?**

*Recipients are matched to various awards depending on chosen area of study along with a weighted consideration of academics, extracurricular activities, financial need and demonstrated leadership. Some awards are based on athletic interests or personal narrative.*

### **If I am applying for the Edith Wheeler Memorial Scholarship, should I also fill out a Monroe Scholarship Fund Application?**

*YES! If you are eligible to apply for both scholarships, please do so. You cannot be considered for a scholarship unless you have applied for it. Only students enrolled at Masuk High School are eligible for the Edith Wheeler Memorial Scholarship.*

### **Do I need to provide both of my parents' tax forms.**

*Yes. If your parents do not file a joint tax return, then you need to provide both tax forms. Provide ONLY the 1040 tax form. There is no need to provide worksheets or supporting documents. If you are unable to provide forms from a non-custodial parent, please explain in section II. G. Special Family Circumstances*

### **What areas of study do you have scholarships for?**

- Nursing, Physical Therapy or other related Medical fields.
- Engineering & the Sciences
- Theater/Set Design
- Fashion Design

### **What areas of interest do you have scholarships for?**

- Demonstrated Commitment to Community Service
- Eagle Scout

### **Are there scholarships based on other qualifications?**

- Demonstrated financial need.
- A student who is the first in their family to attend college/university
- ROTC Student or Parent who is a Veteran or currently serving in the Military

### **Are scholarship funds sent to my college or university?**

No. Scholarships are awarded directly to the recipient upon successful completion of the first semester of Freshman year.

NOTE: These FAQ's do not apply to the Edith Wheeler Memorial Scholarship, which is a separate application.