



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

What is the MPMA Education Foundation?

The Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association's Education Foundation was formed to address the shortage of people entering the manufacturing field by supporting students, school technical programs, and educational institutions.

The Foundation awards scholarships in amounts ranging from \$500 - \$1,000 to help motivated students with an interest in manufacturing get the training they need to become successful in the field. We realize we also need to support the institutions that are responsible for training our students. For that reason, the Foundation donates money to schools to help them finance the purchase of much needed new equipment and software. Providing them with the necessary tools for properly educating our youth ensures that new employees are ready and prepared for their careers in manufacturing.

Who Administers the Foundation?

The Foundation is administered by the MPMA Education Foundation Board of Directors.

Scholarship Awards

The Foundation scholarship awards are made to persons interested in careers in the manufacturing industry on the basis of a competitive process which considers academic achievement, extracurricular activities, honors and awards, demonstrated leadership ability, student commitment, and a statement of one's personal aspirations.

- Scholarship awards are made at the discretion of the Foundation's Board of Directors.
- All awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, gender, religion, sexual preference, age, or national origin.

Application Process

To apply for scholarship aid, an applicant must submit a completed application form and all supporting materials requested.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete for a scholarship award, an applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Applicant must be committed to a career in precision manufacturing or related industry.
2. Applicant must be a resident of Minnesota.
3. Priority will be given to a relative of and/or an employee of a member of the Minnesota Precision Manufacturing Association.
4. Applicant should seek and gain admission to a technical school, college or university.
5. Applicant should plan to pursue a degree in precision manufacturing or related technology.
6. Recipients are eligible to compete for a second-year scholarship.

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PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, the following procedures are to be followed. These procedures may be modified by action of the MPMA Education Foundation Board of Directors:

1. Applicants must complete the MPMA Education Foundation Scholarship application.
2. Applications must be submitted by April 15 in the calendar year for which September admission and scholarship consideration is requested.
3. If enrolled at a college or university, the applicant must declare that they are a "precision manufacturing" major/concentration, or related industry.
4. If applicant is a current high school student or has graduated within the last 2 years, the applicant must:
 - a) Request that their high school transcripts be sent directly to the MPMA Education Foundation Board of Directors.
 - b) Applicants must provide two recommendation forms completed by a high school teacher, principal, advisor, counselor, employer, or another adult (other than family members).
5. Applicants are encouraged to mail the following credentials to the MPMA Education Foundation office with their application:
 - a) A copy of a completed technical school, college or university admission application form or certificate of verification of enrollment, if applicable.
 - b) Two letters of recommendation.
 - c) Most current grade transcripts to include high school or post-secondary transcripts, if applicable (see number 4 above).

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

All applications will be reviewed at the Board of Directors meeting following the April 15 deadline. The scholarship candidates are then judged on the following basis:

1. Recommendations offered from guidance counselors, advisors, teachers, principals, employers, or other adults (other than family members).
2. Personal statement of goals and aspirations.
3. Biographical records which indicate academic honors, extracurricular activities, etc., if applicable.
4. High school academic records and percentile rank in class, if applicable.
5. Assessed financial need.

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AWARD CONDITIONS

No MPMA Education Foundation award will be paid unless the individual continues to meet all eligibility requirements and the following criteria:

1. Meets all admission requirements of the technical school, college or university.
2. The recipient has notified the Foundation of the name of the technical school, college or university in which he/she has been accepted.
3. The technical school, college or university has verified the student's enrollment.

AMOUNT OF AWARDS

The scholarship awards are in amounts ranging between \$500 - \$1,000. Most scholarships are based on earnings from the investments of the funds, so amounts may vary from year to year. The payments will be made directly to the educational facility.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS

The finalists and the amount of each scholarship will be determined by the MPMA Education Foundation Board of Directors based on the aforementioned criteria and the information submitted by the applicant.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Scholarship winners will be notified by letter by June 30. Each scholarship award becomes official when the winner returns verification of enrollment in an approved school. Scholarship awards will be issued directly to the school.

A response letter will be sent to all applicants.

QUESTIONS

For more information, please contact the MPMA office at 952.564.3041 or email office@mpma.com.

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