

2025 JIM MAHONEY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & APPLICATION

Deadline to Apply – April 11th, 2025

Directions: Scholarships offered through the Monroe County Community Foundation, an affiliate fund of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO), are made possible by the generosity of donors who support the post-secondary efforts of the region's students. **Only complete applications will be considered.** This award will be for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Eligibility Criteria: A graduating senior attending a high school in the Switzerland of Ohio School District.

Please answer all applicable questions. You are responsible for ensuring all supporting materials are submitted. **This application will only be valid for consideration when all the following information has been received by the Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO:**

- _____ 1. **Complete and sign the Application Form** (pages 2-4).
- _____ 2. **Distribute Applicant Appraisal** (pages 6) – An appraisal form is attached to give to a school counselor, teacher/professor or other person who is in a position to recommend you according to the given criteria. Give the form to an appraisers as soon as possible and determine how they prefer to submit the forms. **You may attach them with your application, or the appraisers may email/mail them separately to the Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO.**
- _____ 3. **Attach ONLY the SAI** (Student Aid Index) page of the Submission Summary to your application from your online FAFSA application (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, www.fafsa.gov)
- _____ 4. **Attach Transcript** – Students must submit their most recent school transcript (official or unofficial).
- _____ 5. **Attach written responses to the Personal Statements.**
- _____ 6. **Share the requested 2-3 minute video by uploading to YouTube or Google Drive and email the link to Scholarships@ffao.org, with “your name and Jim Mahoney Scholarship” in the subject line. Make sure the settings allow anyone with the link to view it.**
- _____ 7. **Add Scholarships@ffao.org to your email safe senders list** to ensure you receive all communications and award notification emails from the Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO.

Process: The Monroe County Community Foundation annually appoints a Scholarship Advisory Committee to recommend awards. Final approval is made by the Foundation's Board of Trustees and decisions are final. This scholarship will be awarded for the 2025-26 school year only. Award recipients will be required to submit proof of enrollment. All awards are made payable directly to the institution of enrollment on the recipient's behalf for the purposes and expenses associated with tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required (by all in the class) for coursework.

Notification of Awards: The Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO will contact scholarship award recipients by April 15th, using the email address provided on the application. **Please use a personal email address (vs. a high school email)** and be sure to check all email folders, including junk/spam folders, for correspondence from the Monroe County Community Foundation/FAO. Our website will have a complete list of recipients posted by July 31.

Please submit application and supplemental information through the following method:

Email to Scholarships@ffao.org and write “Jim Mahoney Scholarship Application and STUDENT NAME” in subject line of the email. ****All application materials (listed above) should be scanned into one single-sided PDF attachment** (unless appraiser prefers to send separately). You do not need to mail originals. Emailed applications and appraisals must be received **no later than 11:59PM on April 11th, 2025.**



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

County of Residence: _____

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ SAI (Student Aid Index): _____
[Attach FAFSA Submission Summary page ONLY]

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Personal Email*: _____ Phone: _____
*(*FAO will use this email address to communicate with you) (Best number to contact you)*

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

- MCCF Communication (website, social media, etc.)
- Newspaper or radio
- I previously applied for an MCCF Scholarship
- Referral (school faculty or staff, community or family member, past scholarship applicant, etc.)
- Other: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian #1

Name

Phone #

Email

Street Address

City State / Zip

Occupation

Parent/Guardian #2

Name

Phone #

Email

Street Address

City State / Zip

Occupation

Names and ages of siblings and any school-aged dependents in the home:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____

SCHOOL DATA

High School Attended: _____
 or High School Equivalent Date: _____

HS Graduation Date: (MM/YY) _____
 High School County: _____

Post-Secondary Institution(s) for which applicant's scholarship is requested:

Option One: <input type="checkbox"/> currently enrolled	Option Two:
Name _____	Name _____
Location _____ City State	Location _____ City State

For 2025-26 school year, indicate year of post-secondary study: 1 2 3 4 5 or Graduate School

Major/Field of Study you plan to pursue: _____

Anticipated post-secondary graduation date: _____

Estimated Annual Cost: Tuition: \$_____ Room/Board: \$_____ Books/Materials: \$_____

Housing/Enrollment/Status:

I will: Live on Campus Live off Campus Commute

I will be/am enrolled: Less than half-time Half-time or more Full-time

Following post-secondary studies, how likely are you to return to the community you are from? Why or why not?

FINANCIAL AID

Please list all awards and amounts, including Grants, Scholarships, and Student Loans already received for the upcoming academic year, and indicate if awards are one-time or renewable:

Please list any pending scholarships, grants, and loans sought for the upcoming academic year:

PERSONAL STATEMENTS *(must be attached)*

Please attach a detailed typed response to the following questions. Be sure to address how you meet the criteria for the specific scholarship(s) to which you are applying.

1. Please describe yourself, including personal aspirations and anything else you would like us to know about you, including how you envision your life in 5- or 10-years, how your relationship to Appalachian Ohio may change, and more.
2. Please describe what receiving a scholarship would mean to you and any personal or family challenges that have affected your academic achievement or extracurricular activities, including work and volunteer experiences.
3. Please describe your community service, extracurricular activities, work, volunteer experience, and any other community engagement, along with any leadership roles, special awards or honors you received.

APPLICATION VIDEO

Please share your video by uploading the video to YouTube or Google Drive and email the link to Scholarships@ffao.org. *Make sure the video's settings allow anyone with the link to view it. If the video cannot be accessed, your application is incomplete and will not be considered for this award.

Make a 2-3 minute video of yourself telling us why you should be selected for this award.

FINANCIAL AID

High school students and students with less than one full semester of post-secondary education must submit a high school transcript (official or unofficial) and fill in the following information:

- Cumulative grade point average (GPA): _____ / 4.0 scale
- Class rank _____ in a class of _____

Test Scores: Many post-secondary schools do not require ACT or SAT scores for admission or scholarship consideration. Submitting your test scores is optional.

- ACT: STEM _____ English Language Arts _____ Composite Score: _____
(1-36 range)
- SAT: Math _____ Reading/Writing _____ Total Score: _____
(400-1600 scale)

Students who have completed more than one semester of post-secondary school (college, community college, or vocational/technical school) must submit a recent, *unofficial or official* transcript.

Current GPA: _____

Certification: *In submitting this application, I certify the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of any scholarship granted.*

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

BEFORE SENDING, PLEASE REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION PACKET AND CONFIRM IT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Completed and signed application form (p. 2-4)
- One appraisal form, included with your application or sent to FAO by your appraiser
- SAI page of your FAFSA Student Aid Summary
- Most recent transcript (official or unofficial)
- Personal statements
- 2-3 minute video, uploaded to YouTube or Google Drive, and shared by emailing the link to Scholarships@ffao.org.

