

Methow Valley Education Foundation

Application for Scholarship

General Instructions

Please be sure to carefully read the instructions throughout the application. Be sure to answer each question. **Incomplete or late applications may not be considered.**

Once you have completed your application, print it out, add your attachments, and give all to the career counselor no later than April 15, 2024, or mail it to MVEF, PO Box 3056, Winthrop WA 98862. **It must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2024.**

You should have the following available to complete the application:

- Your most recent high school and/or college transcript.
- List of participation in activities.
- Your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) amount from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASA), Student Aid Report (SAR), information you used to complete the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA), or financial information concerning your ability to pay for your schooling.
- Two letters of recommendation. At least one should be a school-related professional (teacher, counselor, coach, etc.) or recent employer.

This application is a fillable PDF. Click after each question to open the response block, and type your information in the block. Response lengths cannot exceed the size of the block. As you're completing your application, remember: This is your opportunity to brag about yourself! Our scholarship reviewers want to know about your character, your contributions, and your situation. This is especially true for the essay questions, since that's how our reviewers get to know you. So be as thoughtful, honest, and thorough as possible when completing those questions.

Before you submit the application, it's a good idea to have someone review your responses to the essay questions to make sure you're representing yourself in the best way possible.

Completed applications will be considered for one of four scholarships: MVEF Scholarship, Tom Zbyszewski Memorial Scholarship, Arnold B. Campbell Memorial Scholarship, or Vocational Education Scholarship. For detailed Information about each of these scholarships and how funds are distributed, go to the MVEF website: mveducationfoundation.org and click on the "Scholarships" link.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Karro at 509-996-2442, or Jennifer Zbyszewski at 509-322-2871, or by email at info@mveducationfoundation.org. We wish you well and look forward to receiving your application!

Applicant Information

Full Name

Mailing Address (complete address, including town name, where you receive your mail).

Email Address

Phone number

Academic History

Which high school are you attending, or did you attend?

What is/was your cumulative high school GPA or proficiency level?

What is the highest level of education that you've completed?

Please attach your most recent high school or college transcript to your completed application. If you are a graduating senior, also include your attendance record. The high school transcript and attendance records must include the fall semester.

Check to indicate transcript and attendance records are attached

Have you taken, or are you taking, college-level classes? If not, please continue to the next section. **Yes** **No**

How many college credits will you have earned by the end of the academic year?

Please answer the following 4 questions if you are a past or current college student (not Running Start). If not please continue to the next section.

- 1. Which college or vocational, technical or trade school have you attended?**
- 2. What is your cumulative GPA in college or vocational/technical/trade school?**
- 3. What year do you expect to graduate or have graduated?**
- 4. Please list all other schools you have attended.**
This includes colleges or vocational schools. Tell us if you received a degree or a certificate from each school.

Activities, Honors, and Involvement

Please list your most significant leadership roles or involvement.

This could be in organizations, clubs, sports or employment.

Please list your most significant awards, honors or achievements. These should be in order of importance to you. Include which year(s) you were awarded the honor.

Please provide details of your service to your school, or greater community.

These should be in order of importance to you. Include which years you've been involved and the number of hours you've served per year (Example: Volunteer at Methow Recycles, junior and senior year, 20 hours/year).

Please describe jobs have you have held, when you held them, your job title or responsibilities, and hours worked per week.

Please list your family and home responsibilities.

If those responsibilities have had an impact on your ability to manage your academic work and/or participate in activities, please tell us.

Tell us more about the three most meaningful activities you've been involved in recently.

These could be related to your academics, extra-curricular activities, sports, community service, paid work, hobbies, family, or home. Why are they meaningful to you?

Education and Career Plans

Please name the college, university or vocational/technical/trade school you plan to attend.

If you're already enrolled in school, tell us which one.

What is your intended major or course of study?

If you're undecided, please enter "Undecided".

Tell us about your plans after completing your technical/trade school program or college degree.

What inspired you to pursue higher education?

Financial Information

MVEF scholarships are awarded based primarily upon a student's financial needs.

In order to have a consistent method of evaluating financial information, we consider the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) amount, which is determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you complete the FAFSA, you'll receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) with your EFC.

If you do not qualify for FAFSA funding and have instead completed the Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WAFSA), please use the EFC information provided.

If you did not apply for FAFSA or WAFSA, or feel the EFC from those sources does not accurately reflect the ability of you and your family to pay for your education, please provide specific information for us to consider under "extraordinary family financial circumstances" below.

Please note: If you did not complete the FAFSA or WAFSA, it will not affect your eligibility for a scholarship from MVEF.

What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA?

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Please indicate if you are considered financially independent or dependent.

Typically "dependent" students live with their parent(s), are claimed on their parents' tax returns, and depend on their parent(s) financially. "Independent" students file their own tax returns and do not receive support from their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Dependent

Independent

How many people are in your household?

This number should include all members of the household, including yourself.

In addition to you, how many of your household will be attending college or vocational/trade school full-time this coming fall?

What is your family's annual household gross income?

Include income (including investment income) earned by your parent(s)/guardian(s) and you. (For example: parents' combined income \$50,000 plus your income \$2,000 = \$52,000)

Parent/Guardian #1 Name, employer and job title

Please enter **N/A** if not applicable.

Parent/Guardian #2 Name, employer and job title

Please enter **N/A** if not applicable.

If you're married, please provide your spouse's name, employer and job title. Please enter **N/A** if not applicable.

Please tell us how much your family (including extended family or trust) intends to contribute annually to your education.

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Please explain any extraordinary family financial circumstances.

Or, if you feel that your EFC or family income is not reflective of your ability to pay for college expenses, please explain.

Please provide the annual tuition and fees for the school you will attend.

Current information about tuition and fees is available for each school on their website. Feel free to also note anticipated costs for room, board, or other expenses.

Have you received, or do you expect to receive financial assistance from the school you will be attending?

Yes No I don't know

If you answered Yes, how much assistance have you been granted?

If you have applied for assistance (scholarship or loan), but don't know if your request has been granted, estimate how much you might receive.

Please explain your overall plan for financing your post high school education. This may include grants, scholarships, employment, financial assistance/work-study, loans, and assistance from other family members.

Instructions for Letters of Recommendation

MVEF scholarship applications require two letters of recommendation. One must be from a school-related individual (teacher, counselor, coach, etc.), or recent employer; the other can be from a person of your choice, but not a family member. Please include your letters of recommendation with your application.

Tips on getting a great recommendation:

- Ask someone who knows you well enough to write a positive, personalized letter.
- For your second recommendation, you could ask another teacher, or an employer, co-worker, volunteer supervisor, club leader, religious leader, or similar.
- Tell your recommenders three things about you that they could mention.
- Think about what sets you apart and don't be afraid to ask your recommenders to write about that.
- Ask in person and let each recommender know when the letter is needed.
- Send your recommenders thank you notes after they write their letters.

Check to indicate letters of recommendation are attached

Personal Statement

Your personal statement is a very important part of this application. Explain what you'd like the selection committee to know so that they gain insight into who you are as an individual. What sets you apart from other applicants?

Sample Topics:

- A time when you overcame a significant obstacle and how you did it.
- Which of your accomplishments makes you most proud, and why?
- How your future education will benefit you, your family, and the community.
- Or choose your own topic, it's up to you!

