

UPMA Wisconsin Chapter Scholarship FAQ's-2024

What Scholarships are available? The members of UPMA Wisconsin Chapter will be sponsoring **TEN** \$1,000.00 scholarships for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Who is eligible to apply? An applicant must be a child, stepchild, ward, grandchild or step grandchild of a Dues-Paid Member, Dues-Paid Retired Member, or a Dues-Paid deceased Member's spouse of the UPMA Wisconsin Chapter.

AND all of the following:

*** A High School Graduate of the current school year that is enrolled as a FIRST YEAR STUDENT for fall admission to an accredited College, University, or Technical School. The applicant must be maintaining a "C" grade average, be capable of pursuing further education and must be capable of providing means for his/her living expenses while attending school either from his/her own funds or reasonable assurance of earning same while in school.*

What documentation must be submitted to apply for a Scholarship?

1. *A completed UPMA Wisconsin Chapter Scholarship application signed by both the applicant and a parent. (Please use an additional sheet if space does not allow on the application).*
2. *On an additional sheet of paper, a biographical sketch outlining your background, your decision to pursue higher education and how you view your future once you complete your education.*
3. *A copy of the student's scholastic grades and attendance record.*
4. *A copy of the student's SAT and/or ACT scores if these exams were taken.*
5. *An endorsement letter from a responsible person not related to the student, who has had an opportunity to personally observe the student, and who can offer a worthwhile opinion of character, work ethic and other personal attributes.*

**** IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please use a black pen or use the fill-in function for the online form www.wiupma.org

Without the UPMA Wisconsin Chapter Scholarship application being fully completed and ALL of the documentation described above, your application cannot be thoroughly evaluated. An incomplete application packet will not be advanced to the judges. The missing documentation or a second application attempt will not be accepted after the application deadline.

How will the Scholarships be awarded? Each application will be judged individually, taking into consideration the factor of ability, proven performance, community involvement, the sincerity of purpose and the need of cultivation of the applicant's initiative and ambitions.

How are the Scholarship applications judged? There is a great deal of effort put into maintaining the integrity of the Scholarship Program. Judges from various areas of the state of Wisconsin, judge the submitted applications. Only the Scholarship Chairperson knows the Judges. These Judges cannot adjudicate the application of a relative. Once all applications are received and recorded as a complete application, by the Chairperson, they are sent on to the Judges for review. Once the applications have been circulated through all of the judges, the ballots are tabulated; the Scholarship Chairperson verifies the ballot results and begins the notification process.

After a Scholarship is awarded, how does the recipient go about receiving the payment? The UPMA Wisconsin Chapter Scholarships are paid in two equal payment of \$500 each. The recipient must submit proof of enrollment for Fall admission to an accredited College, University, or Technical College to the Scholarship Chairperson. Because students can be accepted to several colleges, a copy of the enrollment letter or email, from the College, University or Technical College showing the classes enrolled is required documentation. If by email, the email must be printed, signed and dated

by the student and mailed, hard copy, to the Scholarship Chairperson. Again, it is the enrollment, not acceptance, information that is required.

To receive the second \$500 payment: the recipient must provide their passing grades transcript from their first semester. This also needs to be printed, signed and mailed, hard copy, to the Scholarship Chairperson.

Submit your scholarship application with all required supporting documentation to the Scholarship Chairperson:

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THE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 8th 2024