

# MCF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## 2024-2025

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**The deadline for submitting the 2024-2025 Scholarship Application Package is April 30, 2024.**

The Morton College Foundation (Foundation) sponsors and provides funding in the form of scholarships, grants, and awards listed in this booklet.

The Foundation relies on the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff, private individuals, businesses, communities, and benevolent organizations for sustained financial support.

These scholarships cover approved educational costs such as tuition, fees, books, and other expenses as directed by each donor.

The award amounts represent the maximum monetary value to be awarded during the academic year. Students are responsible to meet the fund's eligibility criteria in order to receive the funds.

The Morton College Foundation Scholarship Committee selects the recipient(s).

Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee that an applicant will receive an award.

The Morton College Foundation reserves the right to suspend the presenting of an award.

The Foundation also reserves the right to match students with a scholarship or grant that they had not requested but for which they are eligible.

To qualify for one or more of our scholarships, please fill out the application and submit any other required information to the Morton College Foundation.

**The deadline for the 2024-2025 scholarship application package is April 30, 2024.**

**\* Absolutely no late application packages will be accepted \***

**Except for specific transfer scholarships, the scholarships listed in this booklet are for students attending Morton College for the 2024-2025 school year.**

All students are eligible to apply for Morton College Foundation scholarships regardless of immigration status.

Students who are selected to receive an award will be notified via email by June 30, 2024.

## Application Process

The scholarship application package deadline is April 30, 2024.

Submit application along with **all** required documents to The Morton College Foundation.

**All applicants** must submit the following items:

- **Official** high school or college transcript(s). *If the applicant has never attended college, submit high school transcript only.*
- **Two** typed and signed letters of recommendation from individuals (other than family) who know the applicant well (i.e. teacher, supervisor).
- **Narrative statement** from the applicant describing their academic and career goals, and past experiences that have helped shape their character.
  - Guidelines: one-page minimum to two pages maximum, single-spaced, 12pt Arial font, 1-inch margin on all sides, include your name.

NOTE: Some scholarships may require an **additional** statement.

All items listed above are **required**.

If there is a question on a required item, it is the student's responsibility to contact the Foundation at [scholarships@mortoncollegefoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@mortoncollegefoundation.org) at least a week before the deadline.

**\*\*\* Incomplete application packages will not be considered for review. \*\*\***

# Scholarships Available

## ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

### ROBERT P. SLIVOVSKY SCHOLARSHIP

\$500

- Graduating student transferring to a four-year institution
- Award to one male and one female athlete
- Must have been an athlete or student manager at Morton College before graduation
- 2.5 minimum GPA

## HEALTH CARE & MUSIC

### ARTHUR J. KRYDA MEMORIAL

\$1,000

- Current Morton College student
- University transfer curriculum
- Pursuing degree in Physical Education or nursing preferred, but not limited
- Financial need will determine tie
- Community or school service will be considered
- 3.0 minimum GPA

### MARION COTTEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$500

- Continuing Morton College student beginning sophomore coursework in the Physical Therapist Assistant program.
- Submit an **additional** essay concerning "Why I Chose the PTA Program."
- 3.0 minimum GPA

### RUTH ECCLES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$500

- Full-time student
- Current Morton College student
- Must be enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant program
- 3.0 minimum GPA

### ILLINOIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM FOUNDATION FOR ILLINOIS HEALTH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Two \$800 Awards

- Full or part-time incoming freshman or current student
- Resident of Illinois
- Enrolled in health care program
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Submit an **additional** essay concerning, "Why I Would Like to Become a Health Career Professional."

### WALTER R. & DELORES B. BLISS SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000

- Nursing or Music curriculum
- Full-time student
- Maintain 2.75 GPA
- Must demonstrate financial need

## WRITING SCHOLARSHIPS

### RICHARD NEWSON WRITING AWARD

\$300

- Currently enrolled Morton College students
- Writing awards given in: Journalism, Short Story, Essay and Poetry
- Submit a **writing sample** from one of the categories listed above

## OTHER AWARDS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

### JOSEPH R. AND LIBBY A. VAVRA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,500

- Graduating Morton College Student or Student transferring from Morton College to another 2 or 4 year school of higher education pursuing a course of study of Art, CAD or Engineering
- Resident of Morton College District is a requirement
- Financial need is a requirement
- Full-time or part-time student
- Minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4 point scale is a requirement

### WOMEN IN NEED GRANT (WIN)

Up to \$1,000

- Full or part-time
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Morton College District resident
- Submit an **additional** one-page statement titled, "I am a Woman In Need because..."

### MAN IN NEED GRANT (MIN)

Up to \$1,000

- Full or part-time
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Morton College District resident
- Submit an **additional** one-page statement titled, "I am a Man In Need because..."

### **LILLIAN MARY BAAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

\$1,000

- Female Freshman or Sophomore renewal recipient
- Seeking an Associate of Arts or Applied Science degree with a focus on or concentration in Accounting (AAC) and/or Business Management (BSM) courses.
- 3.0 minimum GPA.
- Financial need may be a determinate.
- Applicant must prepare an **additional** typewritten essay of no more than 500 words on Lillian Mary Baar. The essay should celebrate her story in any way that can teach the applicant and other students what great things can be accomplished with hard work, passion, and a strong education! The essay should conclude by indicating what the scholarship would mean to the applicant as a student and a future member of the community pursuing her dreams on a clear path toward a bright future and well-rounded, successful, business career.

### **CHARLES SLEZAK MEMORIAL**

\$500 each (2 awards)

- Incoming full-time freshman
- One award to a 2023 Morton East graduate and one to a Morton West graduate
- 3.25 minimum GPA

### **EDWIN G. MELICH MEMORIAL**

\$500

- Full or part- time incoming freshman or current student
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Community and/or school service required (proof of service must be submitted with application)
- 3.0 minimum GPA

### **LIBBY VAVRA MEMORIAL HSEC/GED SCHOLARSHIP**

\$2,500

- Graduating Morton College Student transferring from Morton College to another 2 or 4 year school of higher education pursuing any course of study, who began college after receiving a GED or HSEC (High School Equivalency Certificate)
- Resident of Morton College District is a requirement
- Financial need is a requirement
- Full-time or part-time student
- Minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4 point scale is a requirement

### **NORMAN AND EVELYN SCAMAN SCHOLARSHIP**

\$500

- Incoming freshman or current student
- Full or part-time student enrolled in a college-level courses
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Community and/or school service required (proof of service must be submitted with application)
- 3.0 minimum GPA

### **JUDY BAAR TOPINKA PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

\$250

- Female Freshmen or Sophomore renewal recipient
- Seeking an Associate of Arts degree with a focus on or concentration in Public Service, Political Science and/ or Public Management.
- Financial need may be a determinate.
- Community Service and/or school service considered
- 3.0 minimum GPA
- An applicant must prepare an **additional** typewritten essay of no more than 500 words on Judy Baar Topinka. The essay should celebrate her story in any way that can teach the applicant and other students what great things can be accomplished with hard work, passion, and a strong education! The essay should conclude by indicating what the scholarship would mean to the applicant as a student and a future member of the community pursuing her dreams on a clear path toward a bright future and well-rounded, successful, public service career.

### **IRVING J. VESELY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

\$1,500

- 2.5 G.P.A.
- Currently enrolled student in a minimum of 6 or more college credits per semester
- Enrolled in a degree program

### **MCF FIRST RESPONDERS SCHOLARSHIP**

\$1,000

- One male, one female
- Current recent resume
- Proof of employment as first responder
- 2.5 minimum G.P.A.
- Currently employed full-time or part-time as a first responder
- Currently enrolled in 6 or more college credit hours per semester

### **OLGA H. BUSH MEMORIAL**

Up to \$3,000

- One male, one female for \$3,000 each
- Graduating student transferring to a four-year institution
- Completion of 48 hours of college credit courses
- 3.25 minimum GPA

### **MCF ELITE SCHOLARSHIP**

Up to \$6,000

- Current Morton College student
- Resident of District 527
- Student must be enrolled in an Associate Degree program at Morton College
- 3.6 minimum GPA
- Must be enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours per semester
- Must have already completed a minimum of 12 college credit hours **and** must currently be enrolled in 12 hours of college credit courses
- Submit an **additional** essay entitled "How this scholarship will impact my life and help my education"

Any questions about the scholarships and/or requirements should be directed to [scholarships@mortoncollegefoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@mortoncollegefoundation.org) at least one week before the submittal deadline of April 30, 2024.

# MORTON COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES APPLICATION

Name:

Last First M.I.

Address:

Street City State Zip Code

Cell/Home Phone:

Email:

Name of High School:

Month/Year of Graduation:

Household Size:

Number of students in college:

GPA:

Month/Year of Graduation:

During the 2024-2025 school year I plan to enroll for:

12 or more credit hours (full-time) per semester

6 or fewer credit hours (less than half-time) per semester

I am currently a recipient of the following Morton College Foundation Scholarship(s):

Check all that apply:

I will attend Morton College for the 2024-2025 school year.

Expected Program of Study at Morton College:

I will be graduating from (or transferring to a 4 year university) Morton College for the 2024-2025 school year.

I am currently a high school student (in the 2023-2024 school year) and plan to enroll in Morton College for the 2024-2025 school year.

Under the penalties provided by law, I certify that the information on this application is accurate and complete. I further certify that I wrote the essays and/or narrative statements that are attached to this application.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

## PRESS RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I authorize the release of the information contained in this application to the Morton College Foundation (MCF).

I acknowledge that the Morton College Foundation may collect names and take photographs of recipients for use in its marketing and promotional materials, news publications and on its website. By submitting this application, I am consenting to the collection and use of my name and photograph without compensation. Any photographs will become the property of the MCF.

Applicant's Signature:

Date: