

MCF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

2025-2026

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The deadline for submitting the 2025-2026 Scholarship Application Package is April 30, 2025.

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.

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.

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

The deadline for the 2025-2026 scholarship application package is April 30, 2025.

*** 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 2025-2026 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, 2025.

Application Process

The scholarship application package deadline is April 30, 2025.

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

All applicants must submit the following required items:

- 1) High school or college transcript(s).
 - Official transcripts are preferred, but unofficial are acceptable.
 - *If the applicant has never attended college, submit high school transcript only.*
- 2) **Two** typed and signed letters of recommendation from individuals (other than family) who know the applicant well (i.e. teacher, supervisor).
- 3) **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 on the top of the essay.

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 at least a week before the deadline.

***** Incomplete online application submissions
will not
be considered for review. *****

It is the student's responsibility to make sure that all required documents are submitted with their application.

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

EILEEN AND SUSUMU KASAI SCHOLARSHIP

Two \$2,500

- Full-time student
- Current Morton College student
- Must be enrolled in the Physical Therapist Assistant program
- 3.0 minimum GPA
- Submit an **additional** essay (300-500 words) concerning "Why I Chose to Become a Physical Therapist Assistant"

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

WOMAN 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 2025 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 at least one week before the submittal deadline of **April 30, 2025**.