

McFarland Grape Festival Scholarship Application



Scholarship Opportunity for Graduating McFarland High School Early College Seniors

APPLICATIONS DUE: 9/10/26

OVERVIEW

The McFarland Grape Festival Scholarship is looking to award scholarships to McFarland High School students. The scholarships are to be used to offset the cost of tuition, books and other expenses (with supporting documentation) associated with higher education or trade school. This scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the McFarland Grape Festival on September 19, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

The McFarland Grape Festival Scholarship Program is open to any applicant who is:

1. A high school senior graduating from McFarland High School
2. Holds a primary residence within McFarland city limits
3. Holds a 2.5 or better grade point average
4. And is applying to a trade school, two-year college or university or four-year college or university.

APPLICATION PACKET MUST INCLUDE

1. The enclosed application, legibly completed, signed, and dated. A fillable application can also be found online at mcfarlandcity.org
2. Four short essays (See applications for details)
3. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members. At least one must be from a member of the faculty at students' high school
4. An official high school transcript

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are available online at mcfarlandcity.org or may be picked up in person at McFarland City Hall. **Completed applications must be submitted to: McFarland City Hall 401 W. Kern Avenue McFarland, CA 93250 Application Deadline: September 10, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Applicants may complete the essay or written-response portions on a separate document, such as a Google Doc or Word document, if additional space is needed. Any separate pages should clearly include the applicant's name and correspond with the appropriate application question.

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Scholarship Application

This application is to be completed by all students wishing to be considered for a McFarland Grape Festival scholarship. Scholarships awarded by the McFarland Grape Festival Scholarship Committee will be based upon the information provided here and how it relates to the criteria listed in the Scholarship Application Summary. The deadline for submitting an application is September 10, 2026. Applications are to be turned into the McFarland City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or can be dropped in the mail slot after hours.

Section 1 - Contact Information

Applicants Full Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Section 2 - School Information

List any high school organizations, athletic teams or other school related activities in which you have participated:

List any school related awards and/or honors that you have received:

List the colleges or trade schools you have applied to and their locations:

Intended major(s): _____

Desired occupation after college/trade school: _____

Section 3 - Community Service/Volunteer Work

List any community service or volunteer activities which you have participated in and list the time given:

Activity

Time (hours/days/weeks)

Section 4 - Financial Background

Describe your family's financial situation:

List any paid work experience you may have and include the maximum amount of time you had each job:

Job Title, Hours per Week, Start & End Date, Supervisor

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Describe any hardship you or your family has endured, or other personal circumstances you would like the selection committee to be aware of:

Section 5 - Essay Portion

Answer a total of four essay prompts. All questions are mandatory.

There is a 100-word minimum and 500-word maximum for each question.

Please attach answers separately; typed in 12pt font, Times New Roman, and double-spaced.

1. What does community mean to you and what roles have you played in your community?
2. What accomplishment are you most proud of and why?
3. Describe any connection you have to agriculture, farming, or the community?
4. How will this scholarship help contribute to your educational and long term career goals?

By signing this document, I certify that the information I have provided here is true:

Signature

Date