

UPMA Wisconsin Chapter Scholarship FAQ's-2021

What Scholarships are available? The members of UPMA Wisconsin Chapter sponsor **FIVE** \$1000 scholarships.

Who is eligible to apply? An applicant must be a child, stepchild, ward, grandchild or step grandchild of an active, retired, or deceased UPMA Wisconsin Chapter Postmaster, AND all of the following:

1. *A High School Graduate who is accepted 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.*
2. *On an additional sheet of paper, a biographical sketch outlining your background, your decision to pursue higher education, and 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 on the online form. 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. Five 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 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 Chairman 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 payments 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, the *enrollment* letter from the College, University or Technical College showing the classes enrolled is required documentation.** Again, the ***enrollment*** information is required. To receive the *second* \$500 payment, the recipient must provide their grade transcript from their first semester.

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

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THE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 1