

About

The Manton Scholars Program is seeking applications from students who are planning to pursue higher education in the Fall of 2021 and **whose families have been significantly and negatively affected by the death or serious illness/incapacitation of a primary income earner, or the serious illness of an immediate family member** (i.e., parent/primary care giver or sibling). Students must be U.S. citizens or non-citizens eligible to receive federal financial aid to apply.

Eligible students must attend school in or be residents of one of the nine towns, listed below, for the last three years or more:

- Carlisle
- Concord
- Dover
- Maynard
- Medway
- Natick
- Sherborn
- Wayland
- Westport

OR have been enrolled for the last three years or more at one of the schools listed below:

- Worcester Technical High School in Worcester, MA
- Groton School in Groton, MA
- St. Mark's School in Southborough, MA
- Dana Hall School in Wellesley, MA

This program is designed to provide tuition and related support and is dedicated to making college or other post-secondary education affordable for families who meet the specific criteria described in these guidelines. The program is funded by the Manton Foundation and administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) and the Boston Foundation.

Scholars selected into the program will be eligible to receive scholarship support at a two or four-year accredited college or university, or a trade school with a demonstrated track record of successfully placing graduates in long-term jobs. Schools must be located in the U.S or Canada. Students attending graduate school are not eligible. Scholarships will be up to \$30,000 annually. Award size is based on unmet financial need and will be determined in conjunction with the school the student plans to attend.

Goals

- To provide scholarship assistance to graduating seniors whose families' financial situations have been significantly and negatively affected by the death or serious illness/incapacitation of primary income earners, or the serious illness of an immediate family member (i.e., parent/primary care giver or sibling).
- To help students pursue Bachelor's or Associate's degrees or technical certification from a program with a demonstrated track record of successfully placing graduates in long-term jobs.

Eligibility Checklist

Residency

Students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Resident of or attend high school in one of the following towns (and have for the last three years):
 - Carlisle
 - Concord
 - Dover

- Maynard
 - Medway
 - Natick
 - Sherborn
 - Wayland
 - Westport
- Student enrolled at one of the following schools for at least three years:
- Worcester Technical High School – *Worcester, MA*
 - Dana Hall School – *Wellesley, MA*
 - Groton School – *Groton, MA*
 - St. Mark's School – *Southborough, MA*

Note: Students who are already enrolled in an eligible post-secondary institution may apply if they meet all of the other eligibility criteria.

Financial Circumstances

- The financial situation of the applicant's family must have been significantly and negatively affected by the death or serious illness/incapacitation of a primary income earners or the serious illness of an immediate family member (i.e., parent/primary care giver or sibling). See qualifying circumstances.
- Substantial unmet need as determined by college financial aid award letter or other documents (applicants will likely not know this at time of application).
- Students must have completed FAFSA.

Qualifying Circumstances

- Death or serious illness/incapacitation (e.g., cancer, stroke, brain injury, severe mental illness) of family's primary wage earner or immediate family member (parent/care giver or sibling). Qualifying circumstances include those that are sudden, unexpected and health related.

Exclusions Include:

- Chronic conditions (e.g., asthma, diabetes, etc.)
- Developmental disabilities (e.g., autism)
- Substance abuse

Eligible Post-Secondary Institutions

- Two or four year accredited college or university
- Accredited trade school that has a demonstrated track record of successfully placing graduates in long-term jobs

Note: Students attending graduate school are not eligible for scholarship support through this program.

Renewals

Scholarships are renewable provided the student completes a renewal application and remains in good academic standing. The student must also continue to have a comparable level of financial need as when the scholarship was awarded. The majority of scholarships are renewed for up to 4 years. All renewal applications are reviewed annually on a case-by-case basis.

Process / Timeline

February 5, 2021:	Application deadline
<i>Late March/Early April:</i>	Semi-finalist interviews
<i>Late April/May:</i>	Manton Scholars are selected and scholarship amounts are finalized
<i>August:</i>	Scholarship checks mailed to schools

Instructions

Complete applications are due **Friday, February 5th, 2021 at 5pm EST**. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed. Please follow instructions carefully. Applicants' ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

To access the application, click here: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=manton>

1. Prior to completing the application, please be sure you meet all **eligibility requirements**. Ineligible applications will not be reviewed. The application guidelines can be found here: <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/manton-scholars-program>
2. **Required Documents:** Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application.
3. **Recommendations:** Make sure you give your recommender ample time to complete the recommendation. Your recommender must fill out an electronic form that will be sent to them once you send them an email via your online application. Instructions are included in the application.
4. If you have **questions**, contact us at manton@tpi.org.

Required Documents

The following materials are required for the scholarship committee to evaluate each student. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered. Required document #2 can be downloaded at:

<http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/manton-scholars-program>

1. **Complete Application Submitted Online**
2. **General Recommendation** (part of your online application - to be filled out by a teacher, guidance counselor, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows you well)
3. **Essays**
4. **Official High School Transcript**
5. Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s)' most recent **IRS 1040 tax forms**
6. Complete **Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA**. This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the ENTIRE document. The FAFSA website is www.fafsa.ed.gov.