

Yawkey Scholars Program for Massachusetts Residents 2021-2022

TPI - Yawkey

Scholarship Description

The Yawkey Scholars program is designed to make college affordable for talented, motivated, low-income, first-generation college students from Massachusetts **who plan to attend a private college in Massachusetts**. It provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship of \$35,000 per year as well as other supports to help students succeed academically and go on to be engaged and highly productive members of our community. Since 2005, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided more than \$13 million in scholarships and supplemental support to more than 300 Scholars as they pursue a college education.

Requirements

Qualifications:

Applicants must:

- be a U.S. citizen and permanent resident of Massachusetts
- plan to attend a private, competitive college in Massachusetts
- have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$125,000 or less **and/or** an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$25,000 or less
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (unweighted) on a scale of 4.0
- be among the first-generation in their immediate family to complete a 4-year college/university degree

Application Materials Required:

- Teacher or Guidance Counselor recommendation
- Mentor letter of recommendation (e.g., coach, pastor, supervisor, staff person at a youth development program, etc.)
- Essays
 - Questions are included in the application. These essays must be uploaded as a Word document or PDF.
- High school transcript
- Pages 1 and 2 of parent/guardian(s)' most recent IRS 1040 Tax Forms

- If your parent(s)/guardian(s) do not plan to file taxes, please include a written explanation instead.
- Complete Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA.
 - This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the ENTIRE document.

Pre-Application Checklist

Please answer the following questions prior to filling out an application to determine if you are eligible to receive the Yawkey Scholarship.

*If you answer "NO" to any of the questions, you are **NOT** eligible.*

Do you plan to attend a private, competitive college in Massachusetts?*

(at least 2 among your top 4 college choices)

Choices

Yes

No

Are you a U.S. citizen?*

Choices

Yes

No

Do you have someone in your life who you consider a mentor?*

(e.g., coach, pastor, supervisor, staff person at a youth development program, etc.)

Choices

Yes

No

Financial Qualifications*

Is your family's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) \$125,000 or less **and/or** is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) \$25,000 or less?

Choices

Yes

No

Do you have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (unweighted) on a 4.0 scale?*

Choices

Yes

No

Are you among the first-generation in your immediate family to obtain a 4-year college degree?*

Choices

Yes

No

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Yawkey Scholars Program. Please read the following instructions **carefully** before filling out your application. An applicant's ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

Applications are due by Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5pm EST.

General Instructions

Completing your application:

- All application materials can be found on TPI's website here: <https://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program>
- To preview the application, click on the Print Questions button in the upper right-hand corner. You should do this prior to beginning the application to review the questions.
- You can save your application and return to it later by clicking "save" and logging out. Your application will be marked Draft and you can return to it at any time by logging back into your account.
- Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required. You will not be able to submit your application until all required questions are answered.
- If you would like to save a copy of this application with your answers included, click on the "Application Packet" button at the top of this page.

Submitting your application:

- All attachments must be submitted in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** format.
- You must submit your application for it to be considered. Once you submit your application, you will receive an email confirming its receipt.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email, then you have not properly submitted your application, and it will not be reviewed. If you do not receive this email, log back into your account to submit your application, or email yawkey@tpi.org for assistance.

- To request a recommendation, enter the email address of your reference in the space provided, then click "Compose Email" to send them an email requesting a reference. They will receive an email from this system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions.
- Note: Your recommenders will continue to have access to submit their materials to your application even after you click "submit." You do not need to wait for your recommendations to be complete in order to submit your application.

Important: Review your application before clicking "submit". Make sure all attachments are filled out, have been uploaded correctly and your answers are clear. To do this, click on the "Application Packet" button in the top right-hand corner of the page. This will allow you to view your application in the form the reviewers will see it. *Applications that have blank, unreadable attachments or don't load correctly will not be considered. Please note that .jpeg files are not able to be viewed. It is very important that you look over your application to make sure everything has been properly submitted.*

Scholarship support is contingent upon maintained positive academic and community standing and attendance at a private, competitive college/university in Massachusetts.

If you have any questions or need help uploading forms to your application, please contact Elaines Pena at Yawkey@tpi.org or 617-338-5897.

1. Personal Information

Applicant Name*

Character Limit: 100

Gender. How do you identify?*

Choices

Female
Male
Other

Date of Birth*

Example: 01/01/2000

Character Limit: 10

Race/ Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?*

Choices

Yes
No

Race/ Ethnicity: How would you describe yourself?*

Choices

American Indian / Alaska Native
Asian
Black / African American
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
White (Including Middle Eastern)

How did you hear about the Yawkey Scholars Program?*

Choices

High School
Mentoring Program
Community-based organization/ nonprofit
Online
College Contact
Friend
Family Member
Current or former Yawkey Scholar
Other

2. Family/Household Information

Who do you live with?*

Please list the people who live in your household including parent(s), sibling(s), etc. Please include their Name, Relationship To You, Age, Occupation (job title, school, other). *For example: Jane Smith, mother, 52, Personal Care Assistant.*

Character Limit: 1000

Parent Contribution

How much will your parent(s)/ guardian(s) be contributing financially to the cost of college? If you live in a **single parent household**, what is your relationship with your other parent? Will your other parent be contributing financially to the cost of college? Please explain briefly.

Character Limit: 1000

First-Generation College Student*

A first-generation college student is defined as a student whose parent(s) have not completed a bachelor's degree (this does not include siblings).

Are you among the first-generation in your immediate family to obtain a 4-year college degree?

Choices

Yes
No

What is your first parent's/ guardian's highest level of education?***Choices**

Middle School
High School
Some College
College (two-year)
Do not know

What is your second parent's/ guardian's highest level of education?***Choices**

Middle School
High School
Some College
College (two-year)
Do not know

Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)*

Can be found on line #85 on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR). **Please enter a number here.** If the number is not available on your FAFSA Student Aid Report, please reference your parents 1040.

Character Limit: 20

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)*

This number can be found on the first page of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR). **Please enter a number here.**

Character Limit: 20

3. High School Information

High School - Name*

Character Limit: 100

High School - Location*

City, State

Character Limit: 50

High School - Graduation Date*

Month/Year (Example: June 2021)

Character Limit: 20

High School GPA Weighted

Please provide your weighted GPA.

Character Limit: 5

High School GPA Unweighted

Please provide your unweighted GPA.

Character Limit: 200

Standardized Test Scores

In light of adjustments made by many higher education institutions, first-year applicants for the 2021-22 scholarship cycle have the option of submitting their ACT and/or SAT scores. Students who are unable to submit standardized test results, or who chose not to, will not be disadvantaged in our selection process.

SAT Score - Math (Range 200 - 800)

Character Limit: 5

SAT Score - Evidence - Based Reading and Writing (Range 200 - 800)

Character Limit: 3

SAT Score - TOTAL (Range 400-1600)

Character Limit: 15

ACT Score - Comp

Character Limit: 2

4. College Choice(s)

Please list, in order of preference, the colleges you hope to attend in the fall of 2021. The Yawkey Scholars Program is for students who attend **private, competitive colleges in Massachusetts**. You can still apply if you are considering other colleges, however, scholarships will only be awarded to students who enroll and attend an eligible college/ university.

First Choice College – Name*

Character Limit: 250

First Choice College – Location*

City, State

Character Limit: 100

First Choice College - Application Status*

Have you been accepted to your First Choice College?

Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

Second Choice College – Name

Character Limit: 100

Second College Choice - Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Second Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Second Choice College?

Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

Third Choice College – Name

Character Limit: 250

Third Choice College – Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Third Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Third Choice College?

Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

Fourth Choice College – Name

Character Limit: 250

Fourth Choice College – Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Fourth Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Fourth Choice College?

Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

Additional private, competitive, Massachusetts colleges you are applying to

Please list school name, city, and application status. *(For example: Boston University, Boston, I am still waiting for a decision.)*

Character Limit: 250

Anticipated Major/ Field of Study*

What is your anticipated course of study in college? *e.g. Biology, Finance, Communications, etc.*

Character Limit: 50

College: Living Situation*

Choices

Live on campus

Live off campus

Live at home with parent(s)/ guardian(s)/ Commuter

5. Extracurricular Information

Please fill out the following information about your extracurricular, community/volunteer, home responsibilities, and work experiences in high school.

Sample entry could look like this:

Work

Location/Organization: Sunshine Camp

Position/ Role: Summer Camp Counselor

Employment Period: June 25, 2017 - August 31, 2017

Time Commitment: 30 hours per week for 8 weeks

Activities, Awards & Honors

Co-curricular Club/ Activity Name: Memorial High School Marching Band

Position/ Role: Trumpet Player

Period of Involvement: Grades 10, 11, 12

Weekly Time Commitment: 4 hours per week for 3 months

Community/Volunteer

Activity Name: Brookside Elementary School

Position/ Role: First grade reading tutor

Period of Involvement: Grades 11 & 12

Weekly Time Commitment: 6 hours per week after school for 4 months.

If you don't have anything to list in a particular section please write "N/A".

Resume

If you would prefer, you may upload a copy of your resume instead of filling out the individual fields below if you feel it provides a better representation of your experiences. Please upload the completed form in .pdf, .doc, or .docx formats, only.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Work List

Describe your work experience during the past four years (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Character Limit: 3000

Activities, Awards & Honors

List all activities in which you have participated during high school and college (e.g., student government, clubs, associations, sports, etc.). Please list the most recent first. Note all special awards, honors and offices/ positions held.

Character Limit: 3000

Community Service/ Volunteer Activities

List all community activities in which you have participated in the past four years including name of organization, dates of participation and specific activities.

Character Limit: 3000

6. Other Scholarships

Please list other outside private scholarships you have applied to or are receiving for the 2021-2022 school year.

Other Scholarships Applied to for 2021-22:

Please list all scholarships for which you have submitted an application.

Character Limit: 200

Other Scholarships Received for 2021-22 and annual scholarship amount:

Please list the scholarships you have been awarded, as well as the scholarship amount per year.

Character Limit: 200

7. Essays

Essay #1- College Essay/ Personal Statement*

The goal of this essay is to get to know more about you as a person and as a student. If your college essay reflects these goals, please feel free to attach it as your long essay. Otherwise, please write an essay that provides a good understanding of who you are and what's important to you. The essay should be **800 words or less**. Please upload your essay in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** file format, only.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Essay #2- Community Service/ Volunteering*

Tom and Jean Yawkey gave generously of their time, talent, and resources throughout their lives in order to support and uplift underserved communities in the regions they called home, Massachusetts and South Carolina. **In 400 words or less**, please describe the ways you give your time and/or talent to your community (school, neighborhood, church, family, etc.)? How has supporting those around you influenced your goals for college and beyond? Please upload your essay in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** file format, only.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Essay #3- Leadership*

In addition to owning the Boston Red Sox, Tom and Jean Yawkey served in board leadership roles at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI). In the early 1950s Tom Yawkey met Dr. Sidney Farber and learned about his efforts to cure childhood cancer. In 1953 Tom and Jean Yawkey solidified their extraordinary support to Dr. Farber by initiating the Red Sox relationship with Dr. Farber and The Jimmy Fund. Now more than a half-century later, this partnership still thrives providing resources and support for cancer care and research.

In 400 words or less, please describe a time when you took on a leadership role and explain why you chose to do so. Were you effective/ successful in that role? What challenges, if any, did you have to address as a leader? Please upload your essay in **.doc, .docx, or .pdf** format, only.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Short Answer: Academic and Career Goals*

Please briefly describe your academic and career ambitions.

Character Limit: 1000

Short Answer: Mentoring Relationship*

Briefly describe how you connected with your mentor, your relationship with that person, and how this relationship has been helpful to you.

Character Limit: 1000

Mentor Name:*

Character Limit: 200

Organization mentor works with (if applicable):

Character Limit: 200

Additional Information

Please feel free to include any information that would be helpful for the review committee to know as they review your application.

Character Limit: 500

10. Required Attachments (High School Transcript, tax forms, FAFSA SAR)

Please attach the following required documents.

Official High School Transcript*

Please upload your most recent complete high school transcript, and include your high school's grading scale.

If your school does not provide transcripts to students, please upload a word document explaining that, and have your school email your transcript to Yawkey@tpi.org.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

IRS Form 1040*

Please attach a copy of *pages 1 and 2* of your parent(s)/guardian(s)' most recent **IRS Form 1040**. *If your parent(s)/guardian(s) do not plan to file taxes, please include a written explanation instead.*

File Size Limit: 5 MB

FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)*

Please attach a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). You can obtain a copy by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov and printing/saving your entire SAR (**it should be five pages long**).

Please save your SAR as a PDF. We cannot accept web pages, html, or jpeg documents.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

11. Certification

The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) has sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's guidelines. This application becomes property of TPI and the donor.

Once your application is submitted, you may view your application at any time by returning to your online account, but you cannot make any changes to it.

I acknowledge all decisions are made by TPI. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted. I give my consent for representatives from TPI to discuss my eligibility and need for scholarship assistance with financial aid counselors at my colleges of choice as well as with the donor. I also agree that TPI may provide a copy of my full application to the donor.

Applicant's Electronic Signature*

Please type your full name.

Character Limit: 50

Today's Date*

Character Limit: 10

Parent's or Guardian's Electronic Signature

If the applicant is under age 18, please enter your full name.

Character Limit: 50

Today's Date

Character Limit: 10

Once your application is submitted, you may view your application at any time by returning to your online account. However, you will not be able to make any changes.

8. Teacher/Guidance Counselor Recommendation

Reference Email Address*

Please enter the email address of your reference below, then click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email asking them to be a reference. They will receive a second email from this system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions. Please inform your reference to check their spam folder as well. Below are generic instructions for you to copy and

paste into your email if you'd like to use them. If your recommender does not receive the email, they can send the form and optional letter of recommendation to Yawkey@tpi.org.

*Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for me for the Yawkey Scholars Program. You'll be receiving another email from "administrator@grantinterface.com" which will include a link. This link will direct you to download the recommendation form and will provide instructions on how to upload your recommendation to my application. The application due date is **Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5 pm.***

Character Limit: 254

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Scholars receive a four year, renewable tuition scholarship of \$35,000, one-on-one support from a Yawkey Scholar advisor, and, if eligible, additional flexible financial supports.

Please click below for the recommendation form. The applicant will not be able to read the recommendation you submit, so please provide honest feedback. Once the form is complete, click upload here in order to attach it. Thank you for your time.

 **Applicant Name***

Character Limit: 25

 **High School***

Character Limit: 25

 **Name of person completing this recommendation***

Character Limit: 25

 **Email***

Character Limit: 50

 **Position***

Character Limit: 50

 **How long have you known the applicant?***

Character Limit: 25

 **In what capacity do you know the applicant?***

Character Limit: 50

Transcript Information. Please have the transcript information be completed by the appropriate school official.

Class Rank*

Please enter the class rank of this applicant. *(For example: Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____)*

Character Limit: 100

Cumulative GPA

Please enter the applicants weighted and unweighted GPA. *(For example: Weighted ____/4.0 and Unweighted ____/4.0)*

Character Limit: 100

SAT Scores (if applicable)

Please enter the applicants SAT scores. Please include the critical reading score, the math score, and the total score.

Character Limit: 100

ACT Scores (if applicable)

Please enter the applicants ACT scores. Please include the scores on the English, math, reading, science, and comp scores.

Character Limit: 100

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses*

Please enter the total number of honors courses the student has completed and is currently enrolled in as well as the total number of honors courses offered at the high school.

Please enter the number of AP courses the student has completed and is currently enrolled in as well as the total number of AP courses offered at the high school.

Character Limit: 250

Recommender Check List. Please complete the questionnaire below.

The applicant's choice of postsecondary educational program is:*

Choices

- Extremely Appropriate
- Very Appropriate
- Moderately Appropriate
- Inappropriate

The applicant's achievements reflect their ability:*

Choices

- Extremely Well
- Very Well
- Moderately Well

Not Well

 **The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is:***

Choices

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

 **The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:***

Choices

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

 **The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources:***


Choices

- Extremely Well
- Very Well
- Moderately Well
- Not Well

 **The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative:***

Choices

- Extremely Well
- Very Well
- Moderately Well
- Not Well

 **The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks:***

Choices

- Extremely Well
- Very Well
- Moderately Well
- Not Well

 **The applicant's respect for self and others is:***

Choices

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

The applicant's leadership qualities are:*

Choices

Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor

If you would like, you may also attach a written recommendation in support of the student. If you plan to submit a letter, you may utilize the guidelines below.

1. Please describe the student's ability and motivation to succeed in college and become a successful, caring adult who will make a meaningful contribution to society.
2. In what ways do you believe the student will benefit from their involvement with the Yawkey Scholars Program? Please comment on any special life circumstances you are aware of (e.g. family, health, housing, ESL).

Letter of Recommendation

File Size Limit: 2 MB

9. Mentor Recommendation

Reference Email Address*

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The applicant will not be able to read the recommendation so please provide honest feedback. Once the letter is complete, click upload here and attach your recommendation. Thank you for your time.

 **Your Full Name***

Character Limit: 50

 **Title***

Character Limit: 50

 **Affiliation***

Character Limit: 100

 **Relationship to Applicant***

Character Limit: 100

 **How long have you known the applicant?***

Character Limit: 25

 **How often do you meet with the applicant?***

Character Limit: 50

 **Attach Letter of Recommendation***

Please upload a copy of your letter of recommendation.

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2. In what ways do you believe the student will benefit from their involvement with the Yawkey Scholars Program? Please comment on any special life circumstances you are aware of (e.g. family, health, housing, ESL).

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