

Harrison Scholarship 2025-2026

TPI Scholarship Site

Scholarship Description

The Harrison Scholarship is a scholarship that aims to make college affordable to students who receive Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) scholarship support. This scholarship program is interested in making college affordable for these families and helping students reach their full potential. Selected applicants are provided four-year, renewable scholarships to cover tuition, fees and educational expenses at a four-year college/university in the U.S. and flexible funding to support student's enrichment costs. Scholarship amounts will be determined based on the financial aid award package the student receives from the college they choose to attend. Scholarships will likely range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year. The program is funded by an anonymous donor and administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI).

Thank you for your interest in the Harrison Scholarship. Please read these instructions **carefully** before filling out your application. Applicants' ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

Complete applications are due **Wednesday, February 26, 2025 by 11:59 PM.**

Requirements

Qualifications: Applicants must

1. be a senior or recent high school graduate who is currently receiving/received Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) scholarship support.
2. be enrolling as a first-year student in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university full-time in 2025-2026.
3. have an Adjusted Gross Family Income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less and an unmet financial need of \$5,000 or more, after subtracting all other financial aid offered from the college/university.
4. have a strong high school academic record; involvement in community, school and work activities; and motivation to excel in college.
5. Students interested in renewing their award must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

Application Materials:

- **Application Submitted Online**
- **Extracurricular Information or Resume**

- **Letter of Recommendation** (from a teacher, guidance counselor, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows the student well)
- **Essay** – A writing sample that reflects the student’s personal history and aspirations for the future (e.g. college application essays or personal statement)
- **High School Transcript**
- **FAFSA Submission Summary** – the full document should be submitted.

Instructions

Completing your application

- Application materials can be found on TPI's website: <https://tpi.org/scholarships-college-success/>
- 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.
- Click the **Save as Draft** button at the bottom of the page to save your responses. To return to your application on a later date, log in and click on your application under your contact information. It will be marked Draft until you submit it.
- 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, click on **Application Packet** button at the top of the page.
- Recommender must upload a letter of recommendation to the student’s online application.

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 this email, then it has not been properly submitted and will not be reviewed. Log back into your account to submit, or email **harrison@tpi.org**.
- 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 the system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions.

- Your recommenders will continue to have access to submit their materials 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 uploaded in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** format, and your answers are complete and clear. Click on the "Application Packet" button 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 important that you look over your application to make sure everything has been properly submitted.

If you have any questions or need help uploading forms to your application, please contact Grace Hollander at harrison@tpi.org.

Student Information

Applicant Legal First and Last Name*

Please enter your name exactly as it appears on official documents.

Character Limit: 250

Preferred Name or Nickname

Character Limit: 100

Gender: How do you identify?*

Choices

Male

Female

Nonbinary

Other

Preferred Pronouns*

Choices

He/Him

She/Her

They/Them

Date of Birth*

E.g. 01/01/2005

Character Limit: 10

Student Demographic Information

Ethnicity*

Are you of Hispanic or Latino descent? (Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture)

Choices

- Yes
- No

Race*

Regardless of your answer to the prior question, please check one of the following groups with you consider yourself a member:

Choices

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White (including Middle Eastern)
- Multi-racial

Legal Status*

Choices

- U.S. Citizen
- U.S. Permanent Resident
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Were you born in the U.S.??*

Choices

- Yes
- No

Country of Origin

If you were not born in the U.S., where were you born?

Character Limit: 25

Are you among the first-generation in your immediate family to complete a bachelor's degree?*

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

Choices

- Yes
- No

High School Information

High School: Name*

Character Limit: 150

High School: Location*

City, State

Character Limit: 100

High School: Year of Graduation*

Character Limit: 4

High School GPA- Unweighted*

If school does not provide unweighted GPAs please enter "0." We will consider this a "N/A" response.

Character Limit: 20

High School GPA- Weighted

If school does not provide weighted GPAs please enter "0." We will consider this a "N/A" response.

Character Limit: 20

GPA- Other

If your High School GPA is not calculated on a 4.0 scale, please indicate the scale used (e.g. 4.5, 5.0, 100, etc.).

Character Limit: 10

Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) Support*

What was your annual CSF scholarship amount?

Character Limit: 100

What years did you receive a scholarship from the CSF?*

Choices

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

College Choice(s)

Applicants to the Harrison Scholarship must be planning to enroll in a full-time course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree at a four-year college or university in the U.S.

Please list, in order of preference, the colleges you hope to attend in the fall of 2025.

First Choice College - Name*

Character Limit: 100

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 Choice College - Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Second Choice - 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: 100

Third Choice College - Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Third Choice - 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: 100

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 college choices

Please list school name, city, and application status. *E.g. 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)

Financial Information

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)*

Please enter a number here. If the number is not available in your FAFSA Submission Summary, please reference your parents 1040.

Character Limit: 20

Student Aid Index (SAI)*

This number can be found on the FAFSA Submission Summary.

Character Limit: 20

Extracurricular Information

Please fill out the following information about your extracurricular, community/volunteer, and work experiences.

A sample entry could look like this:

Work

Sunshine Camp; summer camp counselor; June 25, 2020-August 31, 2020; 30 hours per week for 8 weeks; \$2,000.

Activities, Awards & Honors

Memorial High School Marching Band; trumpet player; grades 10, 11, 12; 4 hours per week for 3 months.

Community/Volunteer

Brookside Elementary School; first grade reading tutor; grades 11 & 12; 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.

If you would prefer, you may attach your resume below instead of filling out the individual fields.

Resume

You are welcome to include a copy of your resume instead of filling out the information below if you feel it provides a better representation of your experiences.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Work

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. List amounts earned at each job.

Character Limit: 3000

Activities, Awards & Honors

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

Character Limit: 3000

Community Service/Volunteer Activities

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay in the past four years including name of organization, dates of participation and specific activities.

Character Limit: 3000

Essays

****Each essay should reflect your own personal experiences and viewpoints.****

Long Essay*

Please attach your college application essay. If you haven't completed your college application essay, please share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design that helps the scholarship review committee get to know you better. Please upload your essay in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** file format only.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Short Essay #1* (250 words or less)

- Please briefly describe your academic and career ambitions.

Character Limit: 500

Short Essay #2* (250 words or less)

- How has your education or a particular experience from your own life influenced your development or contributed to who you are today?

Character Limit: 500

Attachments

Please attach the following **required attachments**.

Transcript: Transcripts must be received by the application deadline. Online transcripts may be uploaded to your application and must display the following information:

- student name
- school name
- grade received
- the term in which each course was taken

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

Transcript: Unofficial or Official?*

Which type of transcript are you attaching?

Choices

Official

Unofficial

School will email or mail transcript

Transcript*

Please attach a copy of your transcript.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Standardized Test Scores

In light of adjustments made by many higher education institutions, applicants for the current scholarship cycle have the **option** of submitting their ACT and/or SAT scores as a supplemental application component. Students who are unable to submit standardized test results, or who choose not to, will not be disadvantaged in our selection process.

SAT Score - Math (Range 200-800)

Character Limit: 6

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

Character Limit: 6

SAT Score - Total (Range 400-1600)

Character Limit: 6

SAT Scores

Please attach a copy of your SAT score report.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

ACT Score - Comp

Character Limit: 4

ACT Score

Please attach a copy of your ACT score report.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

FAFSA Submission Summary*

Please attach a copy of your **FAFSA Submission Summary in .pdf format. We can not accept web pages, html, or jpeg documents.** You can obtain a copy by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov and printing/saving your entire FAFSA Submission Summary.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Certification

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Electronic Signature of Applicant*

Please type your full name.

Character Limit: 50

Today's Date*

Character Limit: 10

Electronic Signature of Parent/ Guardian*

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.

Recommendation

Recommender's Email Address*

Please enter the email address of your recommender below, and click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email asking them to be a reference. *Do not put your own email address here.* Your recommender will receive an automated second email from this system that will include a link for them to click on and answer questions. Below are generic instructions for you to copy and paste into your email if you'd like to use them. If your recommender did not receive an email then first ask them to check their spam folder. If the email isn't there ask him or her to send the recommendation letter to harrison@tpi.org.

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for me for the Harrison Scholarship. You'll receive another email from administrator@grantinterface.com which will include a link. This link will provide instructions on how to upload your recommendation to my application. The application is due by end of day on February 26, 2025.

Character Limit: 254

Please submit a recommendation from a professor, teacher, guidance counselor, or academic advisor who can comment on your academic and personal success and goals.

Attach Recommendation Letter here*

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for an applicant to the Harrison Scholarship. Please include your name, position & relationship to student below, write a letter of recommendation, and upload it using the link below. As part of your letter, please answer the following questions:

- Please describe the student's ability and motivation to succeed in college.
- What are your impressions of the applicant as a person? How is he or she viewed by peers and/or teachers? How does the applicant interact with others? Please describe any special personal strengths or problems which we should be aware. We are especially interested in your thoughts regarding citizenship, leadership, and general promise.

Please note the applicant will not be able to read the recommendation.

****Deadline for feedback is 02/26/2025***

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Recommender's Full Name*

Character Limit: 250

Recommender's position/title*

Character Limit: 250

How long have you known the applicant?*

Character Limit: 250

In what capacity do you know the applicant?*

Character Limit: 250