

Lawrence Family Scholarship 2026-2027

TPI Scholarship Site

Scholarship Description

The Lawrence Family Scholarship aims to make school affordable for students who have the desire and aptitude to attend a trade or technical school. The scholarship aims to support students in earning an advanced certificate or degree so they can be prepared for additional professional opportunities. Scholarships will likely range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 per year. The program is administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI).

Thank you for your interest in the Lawrence Family 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 **Friday, March 13, 2026 at 5:00 pm ET.**

Requirements

Qualifications: Applicants must

1. be a student graduate (classes of 2024, 2025, or 2026) from Union City High School in Union City, Indiana.
2. be a US Citizen, Permanent Resident, or have an unexpired Employment Authorization Document (EAD—Form I-766).
3. be enrolling or already enrolled at a US accredited, not-for-profit (strongly preferred) or for-profit, private or public trade or technical school in 2026-27.
4. have an Adjusted Gross Family Income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less. AGI can be found on your family's most recently submitted tax filings.
5. be involved in a balance of community, school, and work activities, and have a strong desire to further education and open up professional opportunities.

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** – Response to two essay prompts (see below)
- **High School Transcript**
- **FAFSA Submission Summary, if available** – the full document should be submitted
- **Financial Aid Award Letter from School, if available**

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 lawrencescholarship@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 Marissa Gorog at lawrencescholarship@tpi.org.

Student Information

Applicant Legal First Name*

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

Character Limit: 250

Applicant Legal Last Name*

Please enter your last 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

Prefer Not to Answer

Preferred Pronouns*

Choices

He/Him

She/Her

They/Them

Prefer Not to Answer

Date of Birth*

E.g. 01/01/2005

Character Limit: 10

Student Demographic Information

Race & Ethnicity

Your response to the question below is voluntary. We are collecting this information to help ensure that we are reaching a diverse applicant pool. This information will not be used in our scholarship decision-making process. Please choose one of the following groups with which you best identify:

Choices

American Indian or Alaska Native
Asian or Asian American
Black or African American
Hispanic or Latinx
Middle Eastern or North African
Multi-racial
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Other
White
Prefer not to Answer

Legal Status***Choices**

U.S. Citizen
U.S. Permanent Resident
Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (Form i-766)

If EAD, please include nine digit EAD number beginning with A-

Character Limit: 10

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

High School Information

Please note in order to be eligible, you must have graduated from Union City High School in Union City, Indiana in 2024, 2025, 2026.

High School: Name*

Character Limit: 150

High School: Location*

City, State

Character Limit: 100

High School: Year of Graduation*

Character Limit: 4

School Choice(s)

Applicants to the Lawrence Family Scholarship must be planning to enroll or already enrolled in an accredited technical or trade school in the U.S.

What school or program do you plan on attending/attend already?*

Character Limit: 100

School/Program Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Anticipated Trade/Field of Study*

What is your anticipated course of trade at school?

Character Limit: 50

Anticipated Degree or Certificate*

What is the degree or certificate you will obtain at the end of the program?

Character Limit: 50

What is the annual cost of attendance? Please answer according to the categories below.

Tuition and Required Fees*

What is the annual cost of tuition and required fees?

Character Limit: 20

Supplies*

Books, equipment, etc.

Character Limit: 20

Living Expenses*

What are your anticipated living expenses?

Character Limit: 20

Living Situation*

Choices

Live on campus

Live off campus

Live at home with parent(s) or guardian(s)

When is/was the start of your program?

Month, Year

Character Limit: 10

When do you expect to graduate/finish your program?

Month, Year

Character Limit: 10

Will you be attending full time or part time?*

Please choose an option.

Choices

Full time

Part time

If part time, please indicate the number of hours you will be in school versus working:

Character Limit: 250

Please provide a web address for your school or program.*

Character Limit: 2000

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 tax filing.

Character Limit: 20

Student Aid Index (SAI)*

This number can be found on the FAFSA Submission Summary.

Character Limit: 20

Other Scholarships

Please list all other grants (Pell, state grants, etc) or scholarships you have been selected to receive for the upcoming school year. Include the scholarship name, annual scholarship amount and whether it's a one time or renewable scholarship (e.g, Pell grant, \$3,000, renewable).

Character Limit: 5000

Work and Extracurricular Information

Current Work*

Do you currently work?

Choices

Yes

No

Current Work

If yes, how many hours do you work each week?

Character Limit: 100

Current Work

If yes, who is your employer?

Character Limit: 100

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 goals.****

Short Essay #1*

(500 words or less)

Please tell us about the certificate or diploma you plan to obtain and what work you hope to do after receiving this certification. What makes you interested in this career path and what relevant experiences have you had so far?

Character Limit: 10000

Short Essay #2 (optional)

(250 words or less)

Is there anything else you would like the scholarship committee to know about you or your circumstances?

Character Limit: 7000

Attachments

Please attach the following **required attachments**.

High School 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 mgorog@tpi.org.

Transcript: Unofficial or Official?*

Which type of transcript are you attaching?

Choices

Official

Unofficial

School will email or mail transcript

High School Transcript*

Please attach a copy of your high school transcript.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Most Recent Transcript

If you are already enrolled in a trade or technical school, please upload your most recent transcript or grade report.

File Size Limit: 3 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

Financial Aid Award Letter

Please upload your financial aid award letter from the school you are planning to or already attend. If your financial aid letter is not available now, we ask that you email it once you receive it.

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 if the applicant is under 18 years of age.

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 Lawrence 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 March 13, 2026.

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 Lawrence Family 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 their chosen post-secondary education program.

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 issue which we should be aware. We are especially interested in your thoughts regarding this student's ability to become a successful, caring adult who will make a meaningful contribution to society.

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

****Deadline for feedback is March, 13, 2026**

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

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