

# Manton Scholars Program Application 2026-2027

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*TPI - Manton*

## *Scholarship Description*

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The Manton Scholars Program supports students who are planning to pursue higher education 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).

Eligible students must attend school in or be residents of one of these ten towns for the last three years or more: Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Fall River, Maynard, Medway, Natick, Sherborn, Wayland, or Westport. OR have been enrolled for the last three years or more at one of these schools: Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fall River, Groton School in Groton, St. Mark's School in Southborough, or Worcester Technical High School in Worcester. OR must be a child of faculty and staff (full or part-time) at a private or public high school in the listed towns or at one of the listed schools. Parents must have/had a length of employment of 3 or more years at the school.

## *Requirements*

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Qualifications

### *Residency*

Students must meet one of the following criteria:

- Resident of or attend(ed) high school in one of the following towns (and have for the last three years): Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Fall River, Maynard, Medway, Natick, Sherborn, Wayland, or Westport.
- Enrolled at one of the following schools for at least three years: Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fall River, Groton School in Groton, St. Mark's School in Southborough, or Worcester Technical High School in Worcester.
- Be a child of a faculty or staff (full or part-time) of a private or public high school in the listed towns or at one of the listed schools. Parents must have/had a length of employment of 3 or more years at the school.

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

**Application Materials**

The following materials are required as part of a complete application.

1. Complete Application Submitted Online
2. Letter of Recommendation (written by a teacher, guidance counselor, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows you well)
3. Essays
4. High school transcript
5. Complete FAFSA Submission Summary. You must submit the entire document.

## Instructions

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Thank you for your interest in the Manton Scholars Program. When filling out your application, please keep the following in mind:

- Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are required. You will not be able to submit your application until all required questions are answered. If a question does not apply to you, please answer N/A and include a brief explanation.
- If you would like to save your application, click the *Save as Draft* button at the bottom of the page. If you would like to return to your application, log back in and click on your application under your contact information. It will be marked *Draft* until you submit it.
- If you would like to save a blank copy of this application, please click on the *Print Question Legend* button at the top of the page.
- If you would like to save a copy of this application with your answers included, please click on the *Application Packet* button at the top of the page.
- 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.

**Important:** Review your application before clicking "submit". Make sure all attachments 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 unreadable attachments or don't load correctly will not be considered. It is very important that you look over your application to make sure everything has been properly submitted.***

If you have any questions, please contact Sophia Hancock at [manton@tpi.org](mailto:manton@tpi.org) or 617-338-5898.

### 1. Personal Information

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#### First Name\*

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

*Character Limit: 100*

#### Last name\*

*Character Limit: 100*

#### Preferred name or nickname

*Character Limit: 50*

Your responses to the demographic questions below are voluntary. The collection of data informs our understanding of the applicant population. However, the requested data is not considered in the scholarship selection process.

### Gender. How do you identify?\*

#### Choices

Male  
Female  
Nonbinary  
Other  
Prefer not to answer

### Pronouns\*

What are your preferred pronouns?

#### Choices

He/him  
She/her  
They/them  
Prefer not to answer

### Date of Birth\*

*Example: xx/xx/xxxx*

*Character Limit: 10*

### Which of the following applies to you?\*

Please refer to the eligibility requirements in order to answer this question.

#### Choices

I attended high school or am a resident of one of the ten qualifying towns  
I attended high school at one of the qualifying schools  
I am the child of a staff/faculty member of one of the qualifying schools

### Qualifying town name

If applicable, which of the qualifying towns are you a resident of or attend(ed) high school in (and have for the last three years): Carlisle, Concord, Dover, Fall River, Maynard, Medway, Natick, Sherborn, Wayland, or Westport.

*Character Limit: 100*

### Qualifying Town Information

If you go to school in of one of the **towns** listed above, how many years have you been attending school in this town?

*Character Limit: 200*

### Qualifying Town Information

If you are a resident of one of the towns listed above, do you and your family currently reside in this town?

*Character Limit: 500*

### Qualifying school name

If applicable, which of the qualifying schools were you enrolled at for at least three years: Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in Fall River, Groton School in Groton, St. Mark's School in Southborough, or Worcester Technical High School in Worcester.

*Character Limit: 100*

### Qualifying School Information

If you attend or attended one of the **schools** listed above, how many years have you been attending this school?

*Character Limit: 250*

### Other qualifying circumstance

If you are a child of a faculty and staff member (full or part-time) at a private or public high school in the listed towns or at one of the listed schools, please provide more information here. Please note that parents must have/had a length of employment of 3 or more years at the school.

What is the name of the school where your parent works? What is your parent's name who is a staff/faculty member? What is their current title? How long has your parent worked for the qualifying school?

*Character Limit: 1000*

### Is English your first language?\*

#### Choices

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

### If not, what is your first language?

*Character Limit: 50*

### Race/Ethnicity\*

Which of the following best describes how you 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 Pacific Islander
- Other
- Prefer not to Answer
- White

### How did you hear about the Manton Scholars Program?\*

Choices

#### Choices

- High School or Guidance Counselor
- Youth Development Program
- Town Clerk
- Library
- Friend
- Online
- Other

## 2. Family/Household Information

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### 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, Accountant.

*Character Limit: 1000*

### Are you among the first generation in your immediate family to attend college?\*

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

#### Choices

- Yes
- No

### Siblings Currently in College?\*

Choices

#### Choices

- Yes
- No
- N/A

### College(s) Currently Attended by your Sibling(s)

If yes, please list the college(s) that your sibling(s) currently attend.

*Character Limit: 1000*

### Parent 1 income in 2025\*

If not applicable, please enter N/A.

*Character Limit: 250*

### Parent 1 occupation in 2025\*

Please provide your parent's job title and employer name. If not applicable, please enter N/A.

*Character Limit: 250*

### What is your first parent's highest level of education?

Choices

#### Choices

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

### Parent 2 income in 2025

If not applicable, please enter N/A.

*Character Limit: 250*

### Parent 2 occupation in 2025

Please provide your parent's job title and employer name. If not applicable, please enter N/A.

*Character Limit: 250*

### What is your second parent's highest level of education?

Choices

#### Choices

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

**Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)\***

You can find your AGI on the form that your family used to file last year's tax return. Your AGI is listed on line 11 of tax Form 1040. Please list your family AGI from the most recent available tax return.

*Character Limit: 20*

**Student Aid Index (SAI)\***

This can be found on your FAFSA Submission Summary.

*Character Limit: 20*

### 3. High School Information

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**High School - Name\***

*Character Limit: 100*

**High School - Location\***

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 50*

**High School - Graduation Date\***

*Month/Year (Example: xx/xxxx)*

*Character Limit: 7*

**High School GPA Weighted**

*If available, please provide your weighted GPA as reported on the high school transcript. Please include the maximum GPA as well. Example: 3.6/4.0*

*Character Limit: 250*

**High School GPA Unweighted\***

*If available, please provide your unweighted GPA reported on the high school transcript. Please include the maximum GPA as well. Example: 3.4/4.0.*

*Character Limit: 200*

### 4. Post-Secondary Plans

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Please list, in order of preference, the college or trade school you hope to attend in the upcoming school year.

### First Choice – Name of School\*

*Character Limit: 250*

### First Choice – Location\*

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 100*

### First Choice - Application Status\*

Have you been accepted to your first choice college or trade school?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### First Choice- Type of School\*

Choices

#### Choices

Two-year college

Four-year college

Vocational or trade school

### Second Choice – Name of School

*Character Limit: 100*

### Second Choice - Location

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 100*

### Second Choice - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your second choice college or trade school?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### Second Choice- Type of School

Choices

#### Choices

Two-year college

Four-year college

Vocational or trade school

### Third Choice – Name of School

*Character Limit: 250*

### Third Choice – Location

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 100*

### Third Choice- Application Status

Have you been accepted to your third choice college or trade school?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### Third Choice- Type of School

Choices

#### Choices

Two-year college

Four-year college

Vocational or trade school

### Why did you choose your top choice school?\*

Why do you want to attend your top choice school in particular? Was it due to the school's location, majors offered, or something else?

*Character Limit: 200*

### What do you plan to study?\*

What is your anticipated major?

*Character Limit: 250*

### What degree or certificate do you hope to obtain?\*

*Character Limit: 250*

### Expected undergraduate graduation date\*

Month/Year (Example: xx/xxxx)

*Character Limit: 7*

### Year in College\*

What year in school will you be as of this upcoming fall?

#### Choices

1st Year

2nd Year

3rd Year

4th Year

## Trade School- Job Placement

If any of the schools above are vocational or trade schools, please provide information about the school's track record for placing graduates in long-term jobs.

*Character Limit: 10000*

## 5. Family Hardship and Financial Information

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This scholarship is for students 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. Please explain why you believe you would be eligible for this scholarship. Please include information about the circumstance, duration, prognosis and financial ramifications of this situation.

Please answer all of the questions to the best of your ability and include any explanation you think would be helpful for the review committee to know. If a question does not apply, please indicate N/A (not applicable). Thank you.

### Does your family have medical insurance?\*

*Character Limit: 250*

### What is the annual amount and description of lost earnings?\*

*Character Limit: 2000*

### Total amount of lost earnings to date?\*

Please enter a numerical answer, for example \$400,000.00.

*Character Limit: 250*

### Duration of lost earnings?\*

Please include the time period of lost earnings (e.g., November 2014 to present).

*Character Limit: 300*

### Annual cost to manage medical condition? Please provide a breakdown of costs.\*

*Character Limit: 1000*

### Has there been any impact on family assets? If so, please describe.\*

*Character Limit: 1000*

### What has been the total debt incurred due to qualifying circumstance?\*

*Character Limit: 250*

### Financial Compensation\*

Has anyone in your family received any financial compensation (e.g., life insurance payout, worker's compensation, etc.) as a result of the qualifying situation. If yes, please include the amount and type of compensation.

*Character Limit: 1000*

## 6. Other Scholarships

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

### Other Scholarships Applied to for the 2026-27 school year:

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

*Character Limit: 600*

### Other Scholarships Received for the upcoming school year and annual scholarship amount:

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

*Character Limit: 600*

## 8. Extracurricular, Work, and Community Experience

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Please fill out the following information about your extracurricular, community/volunteer, and work experiences in high school. A sample entry could look like this:

### Work

Sunshine Camp; summer camp counselor; June 25, 2017 August 31, 2017; 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 at the bottom instead of filling out the individual fields.

### 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. List amounts earned at each job, for example \$15 an hour.

*Character Limit: 3000*

### Activities, Awards & Honors

List all activities in which you have participated during high school and college with a brief description (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*

### Resume

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

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

## 9. Required Attachments (High School Transcript, FAFSA Submission Summary)

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Please attach the following required documents. If at all possible, please upload a PDF of all documents.

### High School Transcript\*

Please upload your most recent complete high school transcript. Also include your high school's grading scale. This can be an unofficial transcript.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

### FAFSA Submission Summary\*

Please attach a copy of your FAFSA Submission Summary.

*File Size Limit: 6 MB*

## College Transcript (for Students Already Attending Post-Secondary Program or College ONLY)

Please attach your most recent post-secondary or college transcript.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

## 10. Essays

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### Long Essay\*

Please describe your family's "qualifying condition" and how it has affected you and your family members' lives. (1,000 words or less)

*File Size Limit: 3 MB*

### Short Essay #1\*

Please describe one or more challenges or special circumstances you have experienced, and how it has shaped your plans for the future (500 words or less).

*Character Limit: 10000*

### Short Essay #2\*

Please explain how receiving this scholarship would make a difference for your family and in your ability to attend the college or program of your choice and your future goals (500 words or less).

*Character Limit: 10000*

## 11. Certification

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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.

**By signing below, you certify the following:**

*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. I also certify that the views and experiences expressed in this application are my own. 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*

**You must submit your application for it to be considered. You will receive an email confirming your application has been submitted. After 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.**

## ***7. Letter of Recommendation***

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### **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 letter of recommendation to [manton@tpi.org](mailto:manton@tpi.org).

*Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for me for the Manton Scholars Program. You'll be receiving another email from "administrator@grantinterface.com" which will include a link. This link will direct you to a recommendation for my application. The application due date is **Friday February 13, 2026 at 5PM.***

*Character Limit: 254*

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for an applicant to the Manton Scholars Program. The Manton Scholars Program is seeking applications from students planning to pursue higher education and whose families have been significantly affected by the death or

serious illness/incapacitation of a primary income earner, or the serious illness of an immediate family member.

Please answer the below questions. The applicant will not be able to read the recommendation you submit, so please provide honest feedback. Once the letter are complete, click upload here to attach your recommendation. Thank you.

 **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 recommendation letter.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*