Ann Theodore Foundation Scholarship Program

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Application deadline of Thursday April 23rd 2026 at 5 pm

The **Ann Theodore Foundation Scholarship Program** opens the door to post-secondary education opportunities for youth and adults. This program is designed to help residents from Roosevelt and North Babylon, New York as well as Manchester, New Hampshire attend and graduate from post-secondary institutions, including two-year schools, trade schools, and four-year colleges. Students attending graduate school are not eligible for scholarship support through this program. The program serves low-income high school seniors and adults who have a desire to attain a college degree at an affordable school. The primary goal of the program is to help as many students as possible to pursue higher education and graduate with a manageable loan burden.

If accepted into the program, students receive scholarships of up to $20,000 annually, for up to four years, plus mentoring and funding for enrichment opportunities. The program is funded by the Ann Theodore Foundation and administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI). This program is dedicated to making college affordable for low-income students and helping students reach their full potential. The Ann Theodore Foundation believes in a world where all children and families have access to opportunities to achieve their goals, regardless of race or socioeconomic status.

Program Components

- Scholarship: The program provides last-dollar scholarships of up to $20,000 per year to the college the student plans to attend. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years provided the student remains in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Scholarship amounts are determined based on the financial aid package and other scholarships the student receives, along with the expectation that awardees will contribute toward the cost of attendance, and graduate from college with about $10,000 in loans (approximately $2,500 in subsidized loans per year). Annual scholarship amounts awarded are typically between $5,000 and $15,000.
- Laptop: Each student accepted into the program receives a laptop.
- Mentoring: Each student is paired with an adult mentor to provide advice and assistance with navigating the college experience.
- Flexible funds: Additional funds are available to students to support enriching experiences that help students achieve their academic and career goals.

Applicant Criteria

- High school senior or adult resident of either Roosevelt (NY), North Babylon (NY), or Manchester (NH), or graduate of a high school in the three towns listed previously who is applying to attend or currently attending a two-year school, trade school, or four-year college (part-time or full-time) in the upcoming school year. Preference is given to students who are entering their first or second year of school.
- Priority will be given to applicants with a Student Aid Index (SAI) of $12,000 or lower or with a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of under $125,000. The SAI can be found on the FAFSA Submission Summary, or the AGI can be found on the applicant's family's most recent 1040 tax form.
- Substantial unmet need of at least $10,000 beyond what is being offered in college financial aid and other scholarships, as determined by college financial aid award letter and after considering the student's expected family contribution.
- Applicants must be eligible to apply for the FAFSA.
- The program aims to support students who are choosing an affordable college option.
- Applicants must be able to clearly articulate how this scholarship will impact their life and goals and have a drive to meet these goals through further education.
- Applicants must exhibit good citizenship and a commitment to building and investing in their community.

Selection Process: Selection will be based on financial need, articulation of impact of scholarship, commitment to community, work ethic, and academics.

Application Process

Interested applicants can complete an online application here:
https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=anntheodore

Through the online application portal, applicants will submit the following materials:

- High school transcript
- College transcript for students who are already in college
- Essays – Essay questions are located within the online application
- FAFSA Submission Summary
- Financial aid award letter

Timeline

Application deadline	Thursday, April 23, 2026 by 5 pm
Interviews with finalists	Late May or early June
Scholarship decisions sent to all applicants	Late June or early July
Scholarship checks sent to colleges	By August 15th

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