Ann Theodore Foundation Scholarship Application 2026-27

Ann Theodore Foundation

Scholarship Description

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 in New York and Manchester, New Hampshire attend and graduate from post-secondary institutions, including two-year schools, trade schools, and four-year colleges. The program serves low-income high school seniors and adults who have a desire to attain a college degree. 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 administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI).

Thank you for your interest in the Ann Theodore Foundation Scholarship Program. **Please read the below instructions carefully before filling out your application.**

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Application Criteria

Applicant Criteria

- High school senior or adult resident from Roosevelt (NY), North Babylon (NY), or Manchester (NH), or graduate of a high school of one of these three towns, 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 SAI.
- 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.

Required Application Materials:

- High school transcript
- College transcript for students who are already in college
- Essays
- FAFSA Submission Summary
- Financial aid award letter

Instructions for Completing the Application

Completing your application

- To preview the application, click on the **Print Questions** button in the upper right-hand corner.
- Click the **Save as Draft** button at the bottom of the page to save your responses. To return to your application at 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.

Submitting your application:

- You must submit your application for it to be considered. Applications in draft are not reviewed. 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 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.** It is important that you look over your application to make sure everything has been properly submitted.

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If you have any questions or need help uploading materials to your application, please contact Sophia Hancock at anntheodorescholarship@tpi.org

Student Information

First Name*

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

Character Limit: 100

Last Name*

Character Limit: 100

Preferred name/nickname

If you have a name other than your legal name that you prefer to go by, please list that name here.

Character Limit: 100

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

Female
Male
Nonbinary
Other
Prefer not to answer

Pronouns

Please select your preferred pronouns.

Choices

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

Date of Birth*

Example: xx/xx/xxxx

Character Limit: 10

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Which of the following applies to you?*

If none of the following applies to you, you are not eligible for this scholarship.

Choices

I am a resident of/graduate of a high school in Roosevelt, NY
I am a resident of/graduate of a high school in North Babylon, NY
I am a resident of/graduate of a high school in Manchester, NH

Optional: SAT/ACT Scores

If you took the SAT/ACT you can include your scores below.

Character Limit: 250

SAT/ACT Score Upload

If you would like your SAT/ACT scores to be considered by the review committee, you must also upload documentation of your scores. You can upload an official or unofficial record of your scores here.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Student Demographic Information

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.

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
White
Other
Prefer not to Answer

Is English your first language?*

Choices

Yes
No

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If not, what is your first language?

Character Limit: 100

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 complete a bachelor's degree?

Choices

Yes
No

First Parent's Education*

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

Choices

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

Second Parent's Education*

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

Choices

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

How did you hear about the Ann Theodore Foundation Scholarship?*

Choices

Your school or guidance counselor
Internet
A friend or family member
Community organization
College or university
Other

What is the name of the person or school/organization who told you about the scholarship?

Character Limit: 100

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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*
Character Limit: 5

High School GPA - Weighted*
If school does not provide weighted GPAs, please enter "0". We will consider this a "N/A" response.

Character Limit: 5

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School/College Information

Applicants to the Ann Theodore Foundation Scholarship Program must be applying to attend a two-year school, trade school, or four-year college part-time or full-time in 2026-2027.

First Choice College/School Name*
If you are already a college student, please list the name of the college that you plan to attend this upcoming school year here.

Character Limit: 100

First Choice School - Location*
City, State

Character Limit: 100

Second Choice College/School Name
Character Limit: 100

Second Choice School - Location
Character Limit: 100

Are you a current college student?*

Choices

Yes
No

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? Was cost/college affordability a factor you considered when choosing this school? How will this college help you reach your career goals?

Or if you are already in college, why did you choose to attend the school that you are currently attending?

Character Limit: 5000

Are you still considering any other college/post-secondary options?

Please provide some information on the alternatives you are considering below.

Character Limit: 600

Do you already have your associate degree or bachelor's degree?

Please note that students who already have a bachelor's degree are not eligible. If you already have your associate degree, please explain why you plan to pursue further schooling and how the degree you plan to pursue relates to your career path.

Character Limit: 1000

Major/Field of Study*

What is your anticipated course of study? Ex: Biology, finance, communications, etc.

Character Limit: 50

Are you planning to attend school part time or full time?*

Choices

Part time
Full time

College/Post-Secondary Institution: Living Situation*

Choices

Live on campus
Live at home with parent(s) or other family
Live off campus independent of parents or other family

In fall 2026, what year of college will you be entering?*

Choices

First year
Second year

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Third year
Fourth year

How long is your total anticipated course of study?*

Choices
One year
Two years
Three years
Four years

Questions for Current College Students

This section is only required if you are a current college student.

What was your college start date? Please include the month and year.*

Character Limit: 100

What is your anticipated college graduation date?*

Please enter the month and year. For example, you could enter "May 2028."

Character Limit: 25

What is the total amount of student loans you have taken out to date?*

Character Limit: 20

Additional loan information

Have you taken out federal subsidized or unsubsidized loans? Have you taken out any private loans to support your education? Have your parents taken out any loans to pay for your schooling?

Character Limit: 2500

What is your current cumulative college GPA?*

Character Limit: 20

What is your current cumulative college GPA?*

Character Limit: 4

College/Post-Secondary Transcript: Include if you have already begun or are in a college or post-secondary program. 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

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- the term in which each course was take

College/Post-Secondary Transcript- Official or Unofficial?*

Which type of transcript are you attaching?

Choices

Official
Unofficial

College/Post-Secondary Transcript*

Please attach a copy of your college or post-secondary transcript, if you have attended or are currently attending a college or post-secondary program.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Financial Information

If you are an adult/independent student or if any of the following questions do not apply to you please enter N/A.

Parent 1 Occupation*

Character Limit: 100

Parent 1 Employment Status*

Choices

Full-time
Part-time
Unemployed
Retired
Deceased
Unknown

Parent 1 Gross Income from 2024*

Character Limit: 100

Parent 2 Occupation*

Character Limit: 100

Parent 2 Employment Status*

Choices

Full-time
Part-time
Unemployed
Retired
Deceased
Unknown

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Parent 2 Gross Income from 2024*

Character Limit: 100

What is the total number of people supported with the family incomes listed above?*

This would include any siblings or extended family members that your family supports.

Character Limit: 250

Who do you live with?*

Please list everyone you live with including their name, relationship to you, and their age. For example: Louis Benjamin, brother, 17

Character Limit: 2000

Siblings in College*

Is your immediate family supporting anyone else in college or a post-secondary institution? If no, type "no." If yes, please list their name, relationship to you, and age.

Character Limit: 250

Additional Financial Information

Please use this space to elaborate on any additional information you feel may assist the review committee in understanding you or your family's financial situation.

Are there any special circumstances not captured by the information provided above you would like to share?

Character Limit: 2000

Please list all other scholarships you have applied to or are receiving for the next school year.*

Please include: name of scholarship, annual amount, whether it is a one-time or renewable (multi-year) scholarship, and your application status. If you are still waiting for a decision from any scholarships, please list when you expect to receive a decision.

If you have not applied to any other scholarship programs, please enter N/A.

Character Limit: 5000

If you were not to be awarded this scholarship, how would you pay for school?*

Would you rely on other scholarships, loans, or savings? Will your parents or other relatives be helping you to pay for school?

Character Limit: 3000

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Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)*

You can find your AGI on a 1040 tax form or on your FAFSA Submission Summary. Priority will be given to applicants with an AGI of $125,000 or lower.

Character Limit: 20

Student Aid Index (SAI)*

You can find this on your FAFSA Submission Summary. Priority will be given to applicants with below an SAI of $12,000 or lower.

Character Limit: 20

Extracurricular Information

Please fill out the following information about your extracurricular, community/volunteer, and work experiences. Please also include a brief explanation of the work or activity. A sample entry could look like this:

Work

Sales Assistant; ABC Marketing; January 2021-present; 40 hours per week; $15 per hour. Worked alongside the sales team to find new clients and increase business.

Sunshine Camp; summer camp counselor; June 25, 2020-August 31, 2020; 30 hours per week for 8 weeks; $20 per hour. Worked with elementary students at an overnight camp. Led activities with the campers such as sailing and crafts.

Activities, Awards & Honors

Memorial High School Marching Band; trumpet player; grades 10, 11, 12; 4 hours per week for 3 months. Performed with the marching band at the annual harvest festival and attended weekly practices.

Community/Volunteer

Brookside Elementary School; first grade reading tutor; four years of participation; 4 hours per week. Worked with first graders to help them improve their reading by using read alouds and phonics instruction.

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

Describe your work experience **from high school through the present.** Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. List amounts

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earned at each job (for example $15 per hour). Please also include a brief explanation of each work experiences and your responsibilities.

Character Limit: 3000

Activities, Awards & Honors

List all activities in which you have participated during high school, college, or other post-secondary experiences (e.g., student government, clubs, associations, sports, etc.). Please list the most recent first. Note all special awards, honors and offices held. Please also include a brief description of each activity you were involved in.

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: 3 MB

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Essays

The essay portion of this application is an opportunity for you to share who you are as a candidate for this scholarship. We value any insights you can provide about your life experience, character, and values. The scholarship review committee appreciates your thoughtfulness and the effort you put into these essays. All essays should be well-written and free of grammatical errors. Please proofread all essays before submitting your application.

Essay #1*

The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? (300-600 words, or 2000-4000 characters)

You may submit a copy of your college application essay instead of Essay #1, if preferable. If using your college essay, please copy and paste your college essay in the space below.

Character Limit: 4000

Essay #2*

Please describe your educational and career ambitions and how your chosen course of study will help you achieve these goals. Why are you choosing to pursue these educational goals and your chosen career path? (300-600 words, or 2000-4000 characters)

Character Limit: 4000

Short Answer*

Please tell us about the activity you do at school, in your community, or at home that is most meaningful to you. Why is this activity important to you? How has this activity influenced you and your future plans?

Character Limit: 2000

Required Attachments

Please attach the following **required attachments**. If you are unable to upload any documents, they can be emailed to Sophia Hancock at shancock@tpi.org

High School Transcript: Transcripts must be received by the application deadline. Grade reports are not acceptable. 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

High School Transcript: Unofficial or Official?*

Which type of transcript are you attaching?

Choices

Official
Unofficial

High School Transcript*

Please attach a copy of your high school transcript.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

FAFSA Submission Summary*

Please upload your FAFSA Submission Summary as a PDF. You can find more information about the FAFSA Submission Summary and how to access it here: Learn About the FAFSA Submission Summary | Federal Student Aid

File Size Limit: 4 MB

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Financial Aid Award Letter: Please attach a copy of your financial aid award letter from your top choice college or post-secondary program. If it is not available yet, you can upload your financial aid letter from your second-choice college/school.

Your financial aid award letter should include the grants, scholarships, work study, and loans being offered to you at the school you plan to attend. The letter also typically includes information about the cost of attendance at the college. Your financial aid award letter is NOT your acceptance letter.

You must submit this document to be considered for the scholarship. You should wait to submit your application until it is received. If it has not been received by the time of the application deadline, please submit your application by uploading a document in this field. This document should explain why your financial aid letter is not yet available and when you expect to receive your financial aid letter. If you do not include your aid letter here you will need to send the award letter to the program via email to shancock@tpi.org as soon as you receive it.

If you are already in college, you can upload a copy of last year's financial aid award letter if the current year's award letter is not available. You will need to email this year's financial aid letter to shancock@tpi.org once it is available.

Financial aid award letter*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

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Certification

Have you ever been placed on non-academic probation or been suspended from secondary school or convicted of a felony?*

Choices

Yes
No

If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain here.

Character Limit: 500

By signing below, you certify the following:

I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and that the information provided in this application 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. I certify that I wrote all essays and responses included in this application. If requested, I will provide proof of any information included in this application. Falsification of information or plagiarism of essays 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 college/school as well as with the Ann Theodore Foundation. I also agree that TPI may provide a copy of my full application to the Ann Theodore Foundation.

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.

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Letter of Recommendation

Third Party Email
The letter of recommendation is an optional upload. If possible, we encourage you to include a letter of recommendation with your application. We recommend asking a guidance counselor, teacher, or another adult who knows you well to be your recommender, e.g., a work supervisor or coach, etc. Your reference cannot be a relative.

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 upload a letter of recommendation. 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 email the letter of recommendation to shancock@tpi.org.

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You will be receiving another email from "administrator@grantinterface.org" which will include a link. This link will provide instructions on how to upload your recommendation to my application. The application is due by April 23rd at 5 pm. I appreciate you taking the time to write this letter of recommendation for me.

Character Limit: 254

Letter of recommendation

Thank you for taking the time to submit this information on the student's behalf. Your letter of recommendation is not visible to the applicant, only staff and review committee members so feel free to give honest feedback.

The letter of recommendation should include your name, your relationship with the applicant, and how long you have known the applicant. Please also include information about the applicant's academic and extracurricular achievements. Other questions to consider: How has the applicant contributed to their community? How would the applicant benefit from this scholarship support, if awarded?

File Size Limit: 5 MB

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