



2026 McMinn County Education Foundation Leadership Scholarship Application

Scholarship Overview

The McMinn County Education Foundation offers a one-time \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving senior from each public high school in McMinn County. This award recognizes students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, positively impacted their school or community, and shown initiative in guiding others. Preference is given to those who have not received full scholarships to their chosen postsecondary institution.

Deadline: Submit completed applications to your school counselor by April 25, 2026.

Application Instructions

- Complete all sections of this application.
- Attach additional pages if you need more space for your answers.
- Include a personal essay (300–500 words) on the topic below. Essay should be original in content without the use of artificial intelligence.
- Sign and date the application. If under 18, a parent/guardian must also sign the forms.

Personal Information

Applicant Full Legal Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s): _____

Academic Information

High School Attending:

McMinn Central High School

McMinn County High School

Planned Postsecondary Institution (Name & Address): _____

Total annual cost (room, board and tuition) _____

Intended Major/Field of Study: _____

Leadership Experience

Describe your most significant leadership roles and responsibilities during high school. Include details about the impact you made and the skills you developed. These can include experiences inside and outside the classroom setting.

Honors and Awards

Explain the most significant honors or awards you have received and why you consider them important.

Financial Aid Information

List all financial aid, scholarships, and grants you have received or expect to receive. (Attach additional pages if needed.)

Personal Essay

Our most important work as a foundation is the support of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program in McMinn County. Attach a personally written, 300 to 500-word essay addressing the following:

“Lessons I Have Learned from Children's Literature About Leadership”

Assurances & Permissions

Notice of Filming and Photography:

I Agree

I understand that photographs, videos, and/or recordings may be taken of scholarship recipients and may be used by the McMinn County Education Foundation for promotional purposes.

I Agree

I have reviewed the information provided and confirm that it is accurate and complete. All ideas presented are my ideas.

I Confirm

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name (if under 18): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____