

The McCain Funeral Home & Cremations Merit Scholarship



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Educating, advancing, and supporting our youth are two quintessential ideals that are very dear to our establishment. It is our sincere desire to aid young people that exhibit a passion and drive to further their education following graduation. McCain Funeral Home & Cremations is offering two prospective graduating high school seniors a merit scholarship in the amount of \$500 to use towards college/postsecondary educational expenses. Interested students must meet the following criteria:

- *Must be a current graduating high school senior in the Burke County School System, Caldwell County School System, or McDowell County School System.*
- *Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 (unweighted on a 4.0 scale).*
- *Must submit an official transcript (in a sealed envelope).*
- *Must have proof of acceptance into a 2-4 year post-secondary institution (including trade schools).*
- *Must have 2 sealed letters of recommendation from one of these sources: Teacher, Clergy, Employer, or a Coach. (Letters cannot be written by a relative).*
- *Must submit an essay of 500 words that must discuss themselves, their plans for the future, and how they have demonstrated leadership, integrity, and community service.*

In addition to completing the scholarship application, students will need to submit: letters of recommendation, proof of college acceptance, essay, and an official transcript to our scholarship review committee. Completed packets may be dropped off to our office, emailed to us at

mccainfuneralhome@gmail.com (please put “Scholarship Packet” in the subject line), or mailed to:

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The deadline for application submissions is Friday May 15, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All components, with the exception of the transcript and two sealed letters of recommendation, can be emailed; please indicate in your email if transcript and letters will be mailed or brought in to our office.** Completed packets will be reviewed by our committee of volunteers and winners will be announced by May 22, 2026. Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing and the awards presented at their school’s award ceremony (if applicable) or directly by our funeral home staff.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

Please print legibly (In blue or black ink) or type (In black ink) your answers.

1. Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

2. Mailing Address

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

3. Daytime Telephone Number: () - _____ - _____

Email Address:

4. Date of Birth: Month Day Year Gender:

5. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)

Your most recent *official* school transcript is required.

6. Are you the first person in your family to go to college: YES ____ NO ____

7. Name of High School attending: _____ Projected Graduation Date: _____



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8.	<p>(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.)</p> <p>A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:</p> <p>B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities:</p> <p>C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:</p>
9.	<p>A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name (<i>optional</i>):</p> <p>B. If not, list your top 3 college choices (<i>optional</i>):</p>
10.	<p>Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):</p> <p>Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____ Work phone: _____</p>

11. Please submit a typed essay (500 words) answering the questions below:

Tell us about yourself, your future plans and how you have demonstrated leadership, integrity, and community service.



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STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the funeral home's scholarship program. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the McCain Funeral Home & Cremations Merit Scholarship policy, I must be present to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Checklist

- APPLICATION
- TYPED ESSAY
- OFFICIAL SEALED SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- 2 SEALED LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (FROM ONE OF THE SOURCES LISTED ABOVE)

EMAIL, MAIL, OR BRING, COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO OUR OFFICE AT:

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