

# *Mission* Hope Foundation

## Overview

The Developing Dreaming Young Minds Career Scholarship is designed to support students who demonstrate academic commitment, leadership potential, and a desire to make a positive impact in their community or chosen field of study.

Applicants must submit a completed application packet by **February 16, 2026**.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

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## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled or accepted into an accredited educational institution or vocational program
- Demonstrate financial need and/or academic merit
- Submit all required materials by the deadline

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## Required Application Materials

Applicants must submit **all** of the following:

1. **Completed Scholarship Application Cover Sheet**
2. **Scholarship Essay (Required)**
3. **One Letter of Recommendation**
4. **Resume or List of Academic/Extracurricular Activities**

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## Scholarship Essay Requirement

### **Essay Prompt (Required)**

Applicants must submit a **typed essay** responding to the following prompt:

**Describe your educational and career goals, the challenges you have faced in pursuing your education, and how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve your future aspirations.**

### **Essay Guidelines**

- Length: **500–750 words**
- Font: Times New Roman, 12-point
- Spacing: Double-spaced
- Margins: 1 inch
- File format: Word or PDF
- Include your name and scholarship name at the top of the essay

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### **Sample Scholarship Essay**

*(Applicants may use this as a guide for structure and tone)*

#### **Scholarship Essay – Developing Dreaming Young Minds Career Scholarship**

##### **Applicant: Sample Student**

Education has always been a powerful tool for growth, opportunity, and leadership in my life. As I continue my academic journey, I am motivated by a strong desire to expand my knowledge, strengthen my professional skills, and make a meaningful contribution to my community and chosen field. Receiving the Developing Dreaming Young Minds Career Scholarship would provide essential support as I work toward achieving these goals.

Throughout my educational experience, I have encountered challenges that tested my resilience and determination. Balancing academic responsibilities with personal and professional obligations required discipline, adaptability, and perseverance. These experiences taught me the value of time management, accountability, and self-motivation—skills that continue to shape my approach to learning and leadership.

My academic and career goals are centered on professional excellence, ethical leadership, and service. I am committed to applying the knowledge I gain in ways that positively impact others, whether through leadership roles, workplace initiatives, or community involvement. Education equips me with the tools needed to navigate complex challenges, collaborate effectively, and contribute solutions in real-world environments.

Financial constraints can be a significant barrier for many students, including myself. Receiving this scholarship would reduce the financial burden associated with tuition and educational

expenses, allowing me to focus more fully on my studies and professional development. This support would not only ease financial stress but also reinforce my commitment to academic success.

In the future, I aspire to serve as a role model and mentor for others pursuing education despite obstacles. I believe that access to education creates opportunities for growth, empowerment, and long-term success. By investing in my education, this scholarship would help me continue striving toward my goals and give back to others in meaningful ways.

Thank you for considering my application. I am grateful for the opportunity to apply for the Developing Dreaming Young Minds Career Scholarship and for your dedication to supporting students who are committed to learning, leadership, and positive change.

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### **Submission Instructions**

- All materials must be submitted by **February 16, 2026**.
- Submit applications via email to **contact@mymhf.org**
- Subject line: **DDYM Career Scholarship – Application Cover Sheet – Applicant Name**

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### **Selection Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Quality and clarity of the scholarship essay
- Academic performance
- Leadership and extracurricular involvement
- Financial need (if applicable)
- Overall completeness of the application

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### **Contact Information**

For questions regarding the application process, please contact:

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