



YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities Albert C. Laxson Educational Scholarship 2019-2020 Scholarship Application

The Mission

The YMCA Albert C. Laxson Educational Scholarship Fund was established on October 6, 1986 as a result of a gift from the estate of Elmer J. Nesholm. The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship grants to financially-disadvantaged, underserved post-high school students who are accepted for admission by any accredited undergraduate college, university, technical or vocational school within the United States.

Qualifications

Any resident, regardless of race, religion and gender, of the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities service area will qualify as an applicant provided he/she is a graduating senior from an accredited high school or has achieved equivalent certification. The student must have plans to begin his/her post-secondary education or training no later than two academic years after the end of his/her senior year in high school or receiving an equivalency certification, and must have completed a free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In addition, the student must demonstrate the following:

- Academic promise
- Leadership qualities
- Strong ethical character
- Financial need
- YMCA involvement is a plus, but not required

Procedure

- 1) The applicant must complete the application materials. Only completed applications received by the deadline will be considered.
- 2) The applicant may be required to have an interview with the YMCA Scholarship Committee.
- 3) The YMCA Scholarship Committee will review all applications and select the grant recipients.
- 4) Award amounts will vary based on availability of funds and the discretion of the Committee. A typical award is \$500 - \$750.

Selection Criteria

- 1) Academic Promise – The YMCA Scholarship Committee will be provided a copy of the applicant's current academic transcript.
- 2) Exemplification of the YMCA Core Values - caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.
- 3) Qualities of Leadership, General Promise and Service to the Community – The applicant should give evidence in the application of self-reliance, initiative, creative ability and service to others, both inside and outside the classroom.
- 4) Financial Need – The need is based on the cost of education and the expected contribution from the applicant's parents and the applicant. (An allowance of \$500 per academic year may be permitted for personal expenses – i.e. commuting, medical, clothing, entertainment, etc.)
- 5) Previous Laxson Scholarship recipients should note that renewal is **not** automatic.

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Terms of Scholarship

The typical award for one academic year regardless of need is \$500 - \$750. Scholarships are awarded for one year, but may be renewed annually up to a maximum of four years. Applicants wishing to renew their grant must complete an updated application. Renewal is based on the student making satisfactory progress toward a degree (or certification) based on the academic transcript and other appropriate information, and continuing to display good ethical character, general promise and financial need. Recipients will need to attend one or more YMCA events throughout the year. The scholarship will cease when the recipient ceases to continue his/her education. Any unused portion of the award must be refunded to the Albert C. Laxson Educational Fund of the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities.

Deadline

All scholarship applications with supporting documentation must be received no later than **Friday, March 29, 2019**. Transcripts must accompany the application. Any applications received after March 29th will not be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of May, 2019.

Contact Information

Attn: Jeanna Nesbitt, Laxson Scholarship Award
YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities
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Applicant Information

Scholarship Application: New _____ Renewal _____

Full Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address _____
Street Address Apt. #

_____ City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Parents/ Guardians: _____

Education

School Name: _____ GPA: _____/4.0

Address: _____
Street Address City State ZIP

Phone: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Instructions

- Complete the application
- Provide most recent transcript
- Provide detailed answers to the questions below
- Submit one letter of support by someone other than the applicant's relative (teacher, guidance counselor, principal, academic advisor or YMCA professional). This reference will be an appraisal of the applicant's ethical character, maturity, emotional stability, industriousness, leadership and dependability.

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Financial Information

School you will be/are attending:

ESTIMATED COST:

Annual Tuition \$ _____

Room & Board (if applicable) \$ _____

Books \$ _____

ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

How much is available to you:

From scholarships from the school? \$ _____

From grants - state/federal financial aid? \$ _____

From loans - state/federal financial aid? \$ _____

From other scholarships? \$ _____

From personal savings or employment? \$ _____

From your family? \$ _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If this application leads to an award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in award cancellation. I also agree to inform the YMCA if my education status changes at any time throughout the year.

Signature: _____

Date _____



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APPLICANT – Please give these guidelines to a teacher, guidance counselor, principal or academic advisor to assist him/her in writing a letter to support your application.

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Letter of Support Guidelines

When composing your letter of support please consider the applicant's academic promise and readiness for continued education or training. Also speak to his/her character, leadership skills and general promise. Kindly mail the letter on your professional letterhead to:

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If you have any questions please contact Jeanna Nesbitt at 763-230-6574, or email to Jeanna.Nesbitt@ymcamn.org.

Thank you for your support of this applicant.