

Friends of Macomb Township...A Community Foundation 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REPORT FORM

Friends of Macomb Township... A Community Foundation this year will again be awarding ten \$1,000 one-time only scholarships in June to graduating Macomb Township resident high school seniors who plan to attend a higher education or a career/technical institution or an apprenticeship program for the 2026-2027 school year.

Applications are available from February 2 through March 13th of 2026 to all **graduating high school seniors who are residents of Macomb Township**. Applications can be obtained at many nearby high schools, the main township government office, Macomb Parks and Rec Center, the Foundation website at www.friendsofmacombtownship.org, and from Mr. Cynowa. **Completed hard copies of the application, essay, transcripts, and two letters of recommendation from references chosen by the applicant must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on March 13th by postal delivery or in person at the residence of:**

**Gary E. Cynowa
Friends of Macomb Township
Scholarship Committee Chairperson**

**45451 Fielding St.
Macomb Twp., MI 48042
gcynowa@comcast.net
(586) 291-0399**

The applications will be judged by a five-member Scholarship Committee. All legitimate scholarship applicants will be first informed in May along with the media and their schools as to the ten selected scholarship award recipients.

CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply and compete for a scholarship, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

1. Must be **a legal resident of Macomb Township** at the time of submitting the application;
2. Must currently be a graduating senior at the high school level;
3. Should have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher based upon a 4.0 scale; and
4. Cannot be an immediate or extended family member of a FofMT Board Director or Officer.

APPLICATION REVIEW FACTORS

In reviewing the scholarship applications, the Scholarship Committee will consider the following factors:

1. The applicant's academic record as evidenced by an **official current transcript through the first semester of your senior year.**
2. The applicant's community service record;
3. The applicant's participation in extracurricular activities;
4. The applicant's work experiences;
5. Special awards or recognitions earned/achieved by the applicant;
6. Other scholarships received by the applicant;
7. The applicant's recommendation by **letters from two references;**
8. The effectiveness of an **essay written by the applicant;** and
9. Any extraordinary circumstances or difficulties the applicant faced or faces.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make certain that all parts of the application have been received by Mr. Cynowa, including the letters of reference and grade transcript, by March 13th.

PERSONAL ESSAY

Using not more than two typed pages attached to this application, please submit an effective, typed essay describing yourself, your personal and career goals, and what lessons/values you have learned from your education and life experiences to date. Convince us as to why you should be a recipient of this scholarship award. (Essay worth up to 20 points.)

I have applied to or been accepted at the following post-high school educational institution(s): _____

REMINDERS

1. You must sign and date your application below.
2. Please do not use staples to secure pages. Make certain pages are all one-sided and on 8 ½" x 11" paper.
3. Applications must be submitted with required transcript and personal essay enclosed.
3. Hard copies of your application, required attachments including the personal essay, official transcript, and two letters of reference recommendation must be received by 6:00 p.m. on March 13, 2026 at the home of Gary E. Cynowa 45451 Fielding St., Macomb Twp., MI 48042.

PERSONAL STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I hereby certify that the information provided in the application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I have not knowingly withheld any facts or circumstances that would jeopardize my ability to honestly accept this honor.

Signature

Date

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

The applicant should give one copy of this form to each of two individuals willing to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of the applicant. Letters of recommendation should be sent to: Gary E. Cynowa

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Letters of recommendation should include:

Name of the applicant;

How long and in what capacity you have known the applicant;

A detailed assessment of the applicant, highlighting his/her abilities, achievements, skills, leadership qualities, motivation, etc. as witnessed by you;

Any other relevant comments, observations, or circumstances that would be helpful in evaluating the applicant; and

Information on how to contact you if necessary.

You may call Gary E. Cynowa at (586) 291-0399 if you have questions/concerns about completing this letter of recommendation. Each printable letter of recommendation must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on March 13, 2026 by Mr. Cynowa. (Each letter is worth up to five points for the applicant.)

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