



Mono Lake Committee Scholarship 2009

The Mono Lake Committee supports students pursuing higher education who display a personal connection with Mono Lake or the Mono Lake story. Up to two scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded each school year.

Qualifications

Applicants must:

1. be a High School Senior
2. have firm plans to attend a 2- or 4-year college within a year of graduation
3. be a Mono County resident

Scholarship funds

1. The Committee will award up to two \$1,000 scholarships to successful applicants
2. Scholarship winners will be announced at graduation
3. Award winners must send proof of registration for their first semester to the Mono Lake Committee, at which time a check for the full \$1,000 will be sent.
4. Submitted essays may be printed in Mono Lake Committee publications and on the Mono Lake Committee Website at www.monolake.org/mlc/scholarship. A photograph with the award winner for use in Mono Lake Committee publications and on the Mono Lake Committee Website at www.monolake.org/mlc/scholarship is required as well.

Deadline

Completed application must be delivered to the Mono Lake Committee office in Lee Vining by **5pm Friday May 15, 2009**.

Application

Your completed application should include 2 parts:

1. the general application form *or* the universal application
2. the essay

Your application should be sent to:

Mono Lake Committee Scholarship
PO Box 29
Lee Vining, CA 93541

Or delivered to The Mono Lake Committee Information Center & Bookstore
Hwy 395 at 3rd Street, Lee Vining, CA 93541
Open daily from 9-5, call (760) 647-6595 for directions

Questions

If you have questions regarding the 2009 Mono Lake Scholarship please contact Arya Degenhardt, Communications Director at (760) 647-6595.

Personal essay question topics (choose one from the questions below)

Write a 300-500-word essay on one of the following two questions. Your essay should be a personal essay, not an essay on the history of Mono Lake.

1. Background information: David Gaines, founder of the Mono Lake Committee, was an undergraduate college student when he began the fight to save Mono Lake from excessive water diversions to Los Angeles. The odds were stacked against him; people said it couldn't be done. But David Gaines knew that the destruction of Mono Lake was not right—and he didn't let the odds stop him. As a result of his perseverance major laws and water rights were changed, and Mono Lake today is being restored to health.

Essay question: What do you expect to do to change the world for the better with particular regard to solving natural resource issues?

2. Background information: Living near Mono Lake is a unique experience. The natural beauty, wide open spaces, and diverse wildlife allow for many experiences that aren't possible in more urban environments. Many people say these experiences have shaped their lives and made them who they are.

Essay question: How has Mono Lake or the Mono Basin influenced your life and your choice to go to college?

Mono Lake Committee Scholarship 2009: General Application Form

- 1. Student's full name _____
- 2. Mailing address _____

- 3. Telephone number _____
- 4. Date and place of birth _____
- 5. Names of parents _____
- 6. How long have you lived in Mono County? _____

General applicant information

- 7. Where do you plan to attend college? _____
- 8. Where have you applied for admission? _____

- 9. Where have you been accepted for admission? _____

- 10. What is your eventual career goal? _____

- 11. How much do you expect college expenses to be per year?
 - Tuition & fees: \$ _____
 - Room & board: \$ _____
 - Books/supplies: \$ _____
 - Personal expenses: \$ _____
 - Transportation: \$ _____
 - Other: _____ \$ _____
 - Total Annual College Expenses: \$ _____

- 12. Have you applied for student scholarships and grants? If yes, please list:

13. List your work experience, including duties and dates:

14. Describe involvement in student activities:

15. List honors and awards received in high school (other than athletic):

16. Describe voluntary community activities:

17. List sports involvement and athletic awards:

18. Students may attach any additional information such as transcripts or lists of additional activities. However, additional information is not required.

Certification

I hereby certify that I have considered each question carefully and that my statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that all financial assistance I may receive will be used as specified by the Mono Lake Committee. It is my responsibility to present verification of enrollment in college classes before I receive any funds.

Student signature: _____