



## **Mono Lake Committee Scholarship 2012**

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](http://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](http://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 Wednesday May 9, 2012**.

### **Application**

Your completed application should include 2 parts:

1. the application form
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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lee Vining, CA 93541  
Open daily from 9-5, call (760) 647-6595 for directions

### **Questions**

If you have questions regarding the 2012 Mono Lake Scholarship please contact Arya Degenhardt, Communications Director at (760) 647-6595.

## Mono Lake Committee Scholarship 2012: Application Form

1. Student's full name \_\_\_\_\_
2. High School \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date and place of birth \_\_\_\_\_
6. Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_
7. How long have you lived in Mono County? \_\_\_\_\_

### General applicant information

8. Where do you plan to attend college? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Where have you applied for admission? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Where have you been accepted for admission? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. What is your eventual career goal? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
13. Have you applied for student scholarships and grants? If yes, please list:  
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14. List your work experience, including duties and dates:

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15. Describe involvement in student activities:

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

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17. Describe voluntary community activities:

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18. List sports involvement and athletic awards:

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19. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Mono Lake Committee Scholarship 2012: Essay Questions**

**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?**