



Mono Lake Committee Scholarship

The Mono Lake Committee supports students pursuing higher education who display a personal connection with Mono Lake. 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 and their social security number 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 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 monolake.org/mlc/scholarship is required as well.

Deadline

Completed application must be delivered to the Mono Lake Committee office in Lee Vining by **5:00pm on the second Friday in May** each year.

Application

Your completed application should include two parts:

1. the application form
2. the essay

Your application should be sent to:

Mono Lake Committee Scholarship
P.O. Box 29
Lee Vining, CA 93541

Or delivered to The Mono Lake Committee Information Center & Bookstore
Highway 395 & Third Street, Lee Vining, CA 93541
Open daily from 9:00am–5:00pm; call (760) 647-6595 for directions

Questions

If you have questions regarding the Mono Lake Scholarship please contact Arya Harp at (760) 647-6595 x111.

*Children of Mono Lake Committee employees are not eligible for this scholarship.

Mono Lake Committee Scholarship: Application Form

1. Student's full name _____
2. High School _____
3. Mailing address _____

4. Telephone number _____
5. Email address _____
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? _____

10. Where have you been accepted for admission? _____

11. What is your eventual career goal? _____

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:

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

15. Describe involvement in student activities:

16. List sports involvement and athletic awards:

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

18. Describe voluntary community activities:

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: _____ Date: _____

Mono Lake Committee Scholarship: Personal essay question

This is a different kind of essay application! There are three parts:

1. Get yourself down to Mono Lake—somewhere close to the shoreline. You will need to take some time (at least 15 minutes) to be there with no distractions. Be sure to be prepared for the elements, and to give yourself enough time to both experience the place and to write your thoughts down. This should be fun, and easy! Find a comfortable place along the shore where you can sit for a while and use your senses to take in your surroundings.
2. In a notebook (or your writing implement of choice) jot down what you see, hear, smell, and feel around you. Then reflect on this question: Why do places like Mono Lake matter?
3. Take your notes and craft a 300–500 word essay on your experience.

There is no right answer for this essay. We would like to know what Mono Lake makes you think about when you have a quiet moment there to listen to your thoughts.