Qualifications
Applicants must:
1. be a High School Senior
2. have firm plans to attend college or other vocational training 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/scholarship. A photograph of the scholarship recipient for use in Mono Lake Committee publications and on the Mono Lake Committee website at monolake.org/scholarship is required as well.

Application
Your completed application should include two parts:
1. the application form
2. the essay

Questions
If you have questions regarding the Mono Lake Scholarship please contact Rose Nelson at (760) 647-6595 x113 or email rose@monolake.org

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

Application Form

1. Student’s full name: ______________________________________________

2. Mailing address: ________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________

3. Telephone number: _______________________

4. Student email address: _______________________

5. Names of parents/guardians and their occupations:
   ________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________
6. How long have you lived in Mono County? ______________________________

7. Where have you applied for admission?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

8. Where have you been accepted for admission?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

9. If you have been accepted and have decided to attend list school here:
________________________________________________________________________

10. What is your eventual career goal?
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

11. Please list SAT or ACT test scores if you have them. If not indicate NA:
________________________________________________________________________

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 FAFSA or CADAA? YES_____ No_____ 
    If yes, what is your EFC? _________________________________
    If no, why not? _________________________________________

14. Have you been awarded any other scholarship thus far? If so, list them by name and amount:
________________________________________________________________________

15. Describe your involvement in student activities:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
16. List honors and awards received in high school (academic, athletic, etc):

__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________

Please describe briefly why you think you should be awarded a scholarship.
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17. Describe voluntary community activities:
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**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. Or how Mono Lake inspires you. This can relate to a variety of your own experiences – hardships, successes – whatever being by Mono Lake stirs up in you. All winners are selected anonymously.

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**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 Scholarship Committee. It is my responsibility to present verification of enrollment in college classes before I receive any funds.

Student signature: ____________________

Please attach copy of transcript. Unofficial copy ok.