



## **Mono Lake Committee Scholarship Application 2026**

**Due Wednesday 5/20/2026**

Please email completed application to  
[hannah@monolake.org](mailto:hannah@monolake.org)

OR

Drop off a copy to the Mono Lake Committee:  
Attn Hannah Ashby – 51365 HWY 395, Lee Vining

### **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](http://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](http://monolake.org/scholarship) is required as well.

### **Application**

Your completed application should include two parts:

1. The general 'fillable' application form
2. the essay

### **Questions**

If you have questions regarding the Mono Lake Scholarship please contact Hannah Ashby at (760) 647-6595 x135 or email [hannah@monolake.org](mailto:hannah@monolake.org)

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

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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.

### 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.**