



Mono Lake Committee Scholarship Application 2026

Due Wednesday 5/20/2026

Please email completed application to

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. 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 Hannah Ashby at (760) 647-6595 x135 or email hannah@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 scholarships 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.

17. Describe voluntary community activities:

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.