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## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2024-2025**

The Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship was established in 2007 by the nonprofit community organizations that knew and experienced Msgr. McGowan's unselfish support of his community. Monsignor McGowan believed in God, family, and community. In his memory, the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship is awarded annually to students pursuing education at one of the regional academic institutions to which Monsignor devoted his time and service.

The Msgr. McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship Committee encourages students to live and practice their chosen profession within Northeastern Pennsylvania so as to make a lasting contribution for the improvement of their home community in much the same spirit as Monsignor McGowan. Please see attached biographical information.

1. Recipient must have their legal residence within the nine (9) county territory of Northeastern Pennsylvania.
  - Bradford
  - Columbia
  - Lackawanna
  - Luzerne
  - Pike
  - Sullivan
  - Susquehanna
  - Wayne
  - Wyoming
2. Recipient must attend one of the following educational institutions.
  - Keystone College
  - King's College
  - Marywood University
  - Misericordia University
  - Mount St. Mary's University
  - University of Scranton
  - dePaul School for Dyslexia
3. Recipient must be a full-time incoming or current undergraduate student fully committed to attending one of the above-listed schools.
4. Recipient must have a long-term commitment to serving others in their community.
5. Recipient must have shown successful leadership experience.
6. Recipient must have proven moral and high ethical character.
7. Recipient must be a hard-working student, producing to the best of their academic ability.
8. Recipient must show demonstrated financial need.

## **APPLICATION 2024-2025**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

County of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph#: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FAMILY INFORMATION** *(Provide the following information where applicable.)*

Name of father/stepfather/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mother/stepmother/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Home Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

Year in college during the coming academic year as a full-time student: Fr ( ) So ( ) Jr ( ) Sr ( )

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please PRINT)

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List extracurricular, athletic, community and/or religious activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years.

Activity	# of Years	Leadership Positions, Awards & Recognition

### WORK EXPERIENCE

List your paid work experience during the past four years, beginning with your most recent position.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates of Employment	Hrs/Wk

## REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

In addition to the application form, your application packet should contain:

1. An official transcript from your present or most recently attended school.
2. A personal statement in 300–500 words, (typed in 12-pitch, double-spaced with 1-inch margins) addressing: “How I can contribute to my Northeastern Pennsylvania community in the spirit of Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan.”
3. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members: one from a current educator and one letter of character reference from someone who can attest to the applicant’s moral and ethical character.
4. A copy of the confirmation page from the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) which clearly states applicant’s Student Aid Index (SAI).

*I understand that information contained in my application may be shared with the scholarship advisory committee and/or scholarship sponsor. I acknowledge that all materials submitted in this application become the property of the institution and will not be returned to sender. Further, I hereby give (name of school) \_\_\_\_\_ permission to provide The Luzerne Foundation, as the McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship sponsor, with my pertinent contact information and documentation as may be used to publicize the award.*

*Applicant’s signature* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

*Scholarship Application **DEADLINE** is October 18th, 2024*

Return form to:

**Office of Financial Aid**  
**Liberal Arts Center, Room 85**  
**(570) 348-6225**  
**finaid@marywood.edu**

**Important Note:** The McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship is a one-year nonrenewable award. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to receive funding.