MONSIGNOR ANDREW J. MCGOWAN CORNERSTONE SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2026-2027

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 in Northeastern Pennsylvania

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.

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MONSIGNOR McGOWAN CORNERSTONE AWARD

APPLICATION 2026- 2027

Applicant's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Permanent Address: _____
Street City State Zip

County of residence: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Male: ____ Female: ____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

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

Name of father/stepfather/guardian: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of mother/stepmother/guardian: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone #: _____ 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

Name of Applicant: _____
(Please Print)

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 300–500words, (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) Marywood University 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 ***November 13th, 2026***

Return form to:
School Contact Information

Hannah Brown

Director of Financial Aid

hnbrown@marywood.edu

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