

YAWKEY

SCHOLARS PROGRAM

YAWKEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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The Yawkey Foundations are committed to continuing the legacy of Tom and Jean Yawkey by making significant and positive impacts on the quality of life of children, families, and the underserved in the areas the Yawkeys called home, New England and Georgetown County, South Carolina.

Education was an area of particular concern for Tom and Jean Yawkey. They understood its ability to alter the course of young lives. In honor of the Yawkeys' commitment to education, in 2005 the Yawkey Foundation Board of Trustees established the Yawkey Scholars Program to help talented and motivated disadvantaged young people meet the rising costs of undergraduate education. Since 2005, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided more than \$13 million in scholarship support to 343 Scholars as they pursue a college education.

The Yawkey Scholars Program invites you to help us find promising students for a scholarship opportunity for graduating high school students **entering private, competitive colleges in Massachusetts in the fall of 2020**. A copy of the Yawkey Scholars Program guidelines is enclosed.

Many students are deserving of this type of support during college, but this program seeks to support and encourage students:

- 1) Who have a **strong academic record**, or demonstration of significant improvement over time
- 2) Who are planning to attend a **competitive private college in Massachusetts**
- 3) Who are engaged in a meaningful **mentoring relationship**
- 4) Who have **unmet financial need** and would benefit from scholarship support so that they can graduate with a manageable loan burden

We invite you to **share the Yawkey Scholars Program guidelines with students who will be entering college in the fall of 2020 and who meet this program's criteria**. Applications will be processed online – hard copies will not be accepted. For more information and application instructions, go to:

<http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program>

Applications must be completed online by Friday, February 14, 2020 at noon.

The Yawkey Scholars Program is administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI). Please direct any questions to Elaines Pena at 617-338-5897 or yawkey@tpi.org.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,



James P. Healey
President
The Yawkey Foundations

Enclosure

A program of the Yawkey Foundation
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YAWKEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM HISTORY

For Tom and Jean Yawkey, giving was a way of life. The Yawkey's donated generously to many programs and organizations that worked to improve the quality of life of children, families and the underserved. Their dedication to supporting individuals and communities in need defined them, and their generosity lives on through the philanthropic activities of the Yawkey Foundations.

In 2005, the Yawkey Foundations established the Yawkey Scholars Program. This program is designed to make college affordable for talented, motivated students from Massachusetts with unmet financial need at the college they choose to attend. It provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship and other supports to help students succeed academically and go on to be successful and highly productive members of our community. Since its inception, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided more than \$13 million in scholarship support to 343 Scholars as they pursue a college education.

THE AWARD:

- Four-year, renewable scholarship to cover tuition and fees.
 - Maximum annual scholarship is \$25,000.
 - Eligibility and scholarship amounts will be determined in consultation with the college the student chooses to attend.
- Yawkey Advisor for each student to provide support throughout their four years of college.
- Opportunities Fund – supplemental financial support to allow Scholars to participate in enriching activities and meet their academic goals.
- Resources and network to help Scholars achieve their full potential.

ELIGIBILITY

Yawkey Scholars Program recipients must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Residency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen; AND • Permanent resident of Massachusetts
Financial Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected family contribution (EFC) of less than \$15,000 (from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid – FAFSA); OR • Adjusted gross family income of \$100,000 or less (from line 85 of the FAFSA Student Aid Report – SAR). • Unmet financial need of at least \$5,000 at the college the student plans to attend (student may not know this at the time of application) <p>Note that all applicants must submit a copy of pages one and two of the parent(s)' or guardian(s)' most recent IRS form 1040 and a copy of the SAR.</p>
Mentoring Relationship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged in a meaningful, sustained mentoring program or ongoing relationship with an adult role model. • A mentoring relationship may include a formal mentoring program, an after-school program, or a trusting relationship with an adult who is a teacher, coach, employer, pastor or clergy member, or other non-family member whom the student depends on for advice or counsel.
Academic Standing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current senior at an accredited high school. • Accepted to and plan to attend a competitive private four-year college or university in Massachusetts beginning in fall 2020.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong academic record or demonstration of significant improvement over time. • Ability and motivation to succeed in college.
Community Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Involved in a balance of community, school, and work activities. • Exhibit leadership potential and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to our community, both present and in the future.

PROCEDURE

Complete applications are due **Friday, February 14, 2020 by noon**. Please follow instructions carefully. Applicants' ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

To access the application, click here: <https://www.grantinterface.com/yawkey/common/logon.aspx>

1. Prior to completing the application, please be sure you meet all **eligibility requirements** (academic and financial).
Review Sample Application: Please review the sample application in advance to be sure you have access to all the information you will need to complete the application. A sample application is available here: <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program>
2. **Required Documents:** Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application and include uploading electronic files, scanning and uploading, or using a fax-to-file feature.
3. **Recommendations:** Make sure you give your recommenders ample time to complete their recommendations prior to the application deadline. Instructions are included in the application.
4. If you have **questions**, contact us at yawkey@tpi.org.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following materials are required. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered.

1. **Complete Application Submitted Online**
2. **Essays** – One long and three shorter response
3. **High School Transcript**
4. **Teacher/Guidance Counselor Recommendation** (including test and transcript information from school official)
5. **Mentor Letter of Recommendation** (to be written out by a work supervisor, community leader, coach, teacher or any other non-family member who knows you well)
6. **Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s)' most recent IRS 1040 Tax Forms**
7. Complete **Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA**. This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the **ENTIRE** document.

TIMELINE

- Selected applicants will be invited to TPI for interviews in April.
- Scholarship recipients and amounts will be announced in late April/early May.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Please contact us at yawkey@tpi.org