Mayor's Scholarship Fund
Lighting the Path

Mayor's Scholarship Fund 2027
Senior Award Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Idaho Falls Mayor's Scholarship Program. We are delighted you are applying. Obtaining a good education is essential to being successful and making a difference—in your own life and in the lives of others. We commend you for your determination to continue your education and the academic achievement you have already attained.

Please be thorough in completing this application. You are responsible for making sure all the forms are filled out properly and submitted on time. Use the checklist below to help you complete the application. Applications are due by **Wednesday, February 3, 2027.**

Sincerely,
Mayor's Scholarship Fund Board of Directors

Application Checklist

- ☐ A school counselor or CCA has verified my GPA and initialed the form.
- ☐ All forms are signed as needed by applicant and parent.
- ☐ **ONE** letter of recommendation and signature form is attached and is **NOT** in an envelope.
- ☐ I have answered each section thoughtfully and have not written on the back of any page.
- ☐ I have reviewed my application with a parent, teacher, counselor or other informed adult.
- ☐ I have proofread this application thoroughly.
- ☐ I will submit *2 single-sided, stapled* copies (original and one copy) of this application ***in order***. I ***should not*** include this checklist page or the following coversheet!
- ☐ I started with the applicant information page as the top page.
- ☐ **I recognize that if I fail to submit the application as outlined above, that it will not be considered during the application review process.**

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The Program

The Mayor's Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to Idaho Falls area students who plan to pursue a post-secondary education or training. Funds for these scholarships are made possible through generous voluntary contributions from citizens, corporate and business sponsors. The Mayor's Scholarship Fund Senior Award is for **current 12th grade** students who agree to maintain a college-bound path. These awards can be used at an approved accredited post-secondary school or training program within the state of **Idaho** or for US military education programs. If you were a past Promise Award recipient, and are selected for the Senior Award, you will receive the Senior Legacy Award. Recipients have until four years from high school graduation or equivalent to request funds.

Eligibility

You must meet at least **one** of these requirements: 1) be a resident of Idaho Falls; or 2) attend school within the physical boundaries of Idaho Falls District 91 or Bonneville School District 93.

Application

To apply, students must submit the following in duplicate: (original and one copy)
A completed application form with applicant & parent or guardian signature including:

- Personal Information sheet
- Activities Sheet
- Personal Essay
- Community Essay
- Signed Letter of Recommendation

Application Deadline

Applications are **due Wednesday, February 3, 2027** They may be submitted to a college and career advisor or school counselor no later than the close of school that day. Applications may also be mailed to:

Mayor's Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 2323 Idaho Falls, ID 83403

Mail-in applications must be received by 4:00pm on the deadline date.

Selection of Recipients

Eligible applicants will be evaluated on the basis of information supplied. Emphasis will be placed upon student GPA, school/community involvement, citizenship, and future promise. The scoring rubric weights applicants with a GPA of 3.0-3.5 with the highest points possible. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **Only recipients** will be notified of the results following our application evaluations in February. Award recipients are expected to attend all scholarship program events including a photo and video shoot in March as well as a recipient reception and awards ceremony in April.

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Full Name

Given Name(s)	Last

Address

Number, Street, City, Zip Code

Contact Information

Applicant Email (please no school email addresses)

Parent/Guardian Email

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Applicant Phone Number ( )	Parent Phone Number ( )

School Information

School Currently Attending	Grade

Unweighted GPA	Verification Ititials	Counselor or CCA Name

Check all that apply

☐ I live in Idaho Falls ☐ I am homeschooled

☐ I attend school within the physical boundaries of Idaho Falls D91 or Bonneville D93

Statistical Data (For records only. Does not affect your application status.)

Gender	Ethnicity or Race

Signatures

By signing below, I affirm this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If selected, I agree to participate in all Mayor's Scholarship Fund Events.

Applicant Signature_____ Date_____

By signing below, I indicate I have reviewed my child's application and hereby give my consent for my child to be considered for this award.

Parent Signature_____Date_____

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Senior Legacy Award Eligibility
Were you a past Mayor's Scholarship Fund Promise Award recipient? YES NO

What year(s)?

Future Educational Plans
(Recipients ***must*** attend an accredited institution in **Idaho** or US military education program)

List the Idaho Colleges, Universities or Vocational Programs you are considering:

Fields of Study (please rank your top interests 1-5)

Aviation	Engineering	Math
Pre-Med	Biology	Graphic Design
Fine Art	Communications	Language
Pre-Law	Political Science	Psychology
Dental	Education	Business/Finance
Computers/IT	Humanities	Military Science
Economics	Social Work	Music

Other areas of interest:

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Personal Information and Experiences

Please share your leadership experiences, school and extra-curricular activities, work experience, community service etc. Include ways you contribute to your school, home, church or community.

Activity	How long?
How has this developed your personal character & prepared you for your future educational path and career?	
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Additional Activities (may use additional sheet if needed)	

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Personal Essay
Now, tell us more about YOU. Share an event or circumstance that sparked personal growth and new understanding in you. Use specific anecdotes and details rather than general statements and please do not use AI to generate your essay. Your essay should be 1-2 typed pages and include the chosen prompt at the top. Please choose **one** of these topics for your essay:

- Reflect on a time that you were excited about something new and set out to learn more. How did this learning shape your personal and academic goals for life after high school? What steps have you taken or are you taking now toward that vision?

- Recount a setback you experienced and what you learned from that. How did that experience help you grow or shape your personal or academic goals for life after high school? What steps have you taken or are you taking now toward that vision?

- Tell about a meaningful achievement or experience that shaped your future goals or influenced your current path or interests. How did this experience shape your personal and academic goals for life after high school? What steps have you taken or are you taking now toward that vision?

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Community Essay
The motto of the Mayor's Scholarship Fund is "Lighting the Path." Your community has supported you in many ways throughout your life so far and lit the path for you. How will you give back to your community and light the path for others? Use specific anecdotes and details rather than general statements and please do not use AI to generate your essay. Your essay should be 1-2 typed pages and include the chosen prompt at the top. Please choose **one** of these topics for your essay:

- Reflect on a meaningful volunteer or community service experience you have had. Describe what you learned from participating in that and the specific skills, qualities, or values you gained. How do you envision applying these qualities in your chosen profession to make a positive impact in your community in the future?

- Identify a specific issue or need within your community (local, broad or global) that interests you. How would address this problem? How does this interest align with your future career aspirations? How do you envision applying this interest in your chosen profession to make a positive impact in your community in the future?

- Describe a leadership experience in which you positively influenced others. What challenges did you face? What actions did you take? Reflect on what this experience taught you about the power and importance of positive leadership in a community? How do you envision applying this in your chosen profession to make a positive impact in your community in the future?

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Adult Letter of Recommendation
Please assess the applicant's character and strengths. Comment on how well the applicant is prepared to pursue their post-secondary educational goals. We are interested in the positive contributions, future promise, motivational and maturity level the applicant demonstrates, leadership potential, special talents etc. Please use specific anecdotes and details rather than general statements so that we can get to know this applicant. Complete the signature box below and attach letter.
Please do not use an envelope.

(**Applicants**: Please provide this prompt to the individual writing your letter of recommendation)

Position/Title/Organization	Phone
Printed Name	Relationship to Applicant
Signature	Date