Mayor's Scholarship Fund
Lighting the Path

Mayor's Scholarship Fund 2027 Promise Award Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Idaho Falls Mayor's Scholarship Fund program. We are delighted you are applying. Obtaining 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,
Mayors' 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 thoroughly 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.**

APPLICATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2027

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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 Promise Award is for students currently in **Grades 8 –11** 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. The award may also be applied toward the cost of approved dual credit coursework or college preparation fees while still in high school. Recipient has until two 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
- 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 Printed 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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Future Educational Plans (Recipients ***must*** attend an accredited institution in Idaho or US military education program)

Idaho Colleges, Universities or Vocational Programs you are considering:

Fields of study that interest you:

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? You may use a separate page if needed.

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Personal Essay

Now, tell us more about YOU. Share an event or circumstance that sparked personal growth, a new understanding or ignited a new interest in you. Examples could include: Reflect on a time that you were excited about something and set out to learn more. Recount a setback you experienced and what you learned from that. Tell us about a meaningful achievement that shaped your future goals or share about an experience or person that influenced your current path or interests. Use specific anecdotes and details rather than general statements and please do not use AI to generate your essay. Your essay should be 1-1 1/2 typed pages and include this prompt at the top.

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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