

2025 Scholarship Application

MAGIC Grants is excited to open scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year! We are awarding three (3) \$2,000 USD scholarships, to be announced in July. We will distribute scholarships in August 2025. Current recipients are welcome to apply for future scholarships.

MAGIC Grants attempts to minimize implicit biases in the scholarship selection process by sanitizing some information from essays before the committee sees them, such as names of people and places.

If you prefer to submit your application through another means (eg: if you don't have a Google account), please email applications@magicgrants.org for an alternative submission process.

The application process includes several steps:

1. Basic information
2. Short background essay (0.25-0.5 pages)
3. Medium length answer (<600 characters)
4. Short answers (<280 characters each)
5. Transcript information

If you have any questions about the application, please email applications@magicgrants.org

* Indicates required question

1. Name: *

This will not be shown to the review committee.

2. Email: *

This will not be shown to the review committee. You will receive status updates on your application.

3. Applicant Mailing Address: *

This will not be shown to the review committee.

4. Educational Institution Name: *

5. Are you student at a US or non-US school? *

We are pleased to open scholarships to applicants worldwide. Search to see if your US institution appears here: <https://ope.ed.gov/dapip>

Mark only one oval.

I am a student at a US institution recognized by the Department of Education (see link above)

I am a student at a non-US institution

Other: _____

6. Major(s) or Field(s) of Study: *

7. Expected Graduation Date: *

Eg: May 2028

8. If selected, would you like to be named on our website? *

This will not be shown to the review committee. Website: <https://magicgrants.org/scholarships/scholarship-recipients/>

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Ask me later

9. How did you hear about us?

This will not be shown to the review committee. By answering this question, you help us reach additional students who are passionate about cryptocurrencies and privacy, so that we can support their dreams early on!

Short Background Essay

10. In 3 paragraphs or less, describe how your field of study connects with cryptography, cryptocurrencies, and/or other privacy technologies, and explain how you intend to contribute to the cryptocurrency ecosystem with your education. *

This should be the equivalent of 0.25-0.5 page long. Please do not include personal information about yourself, since these will be reviewed by the committee. We recommend initially typing in another program and then pasting here.

Medium-Length Answer (<600 Characters)

WHEN WRITING YOUR RESPONSE, PLEASE DO NOT USE REAL NAMES OF PEOPLE OR PLACES. You can include names of well-known people if they are relevant.

11. Please pick one of the available essay prompts: *

Mark only one oval.

- How did you first learn about cryptocurrency? Specifically how did it impact you or why did you find it interesting?
- Why is privacy important to you? What tools do you use to help improve your privacy?
- Have you experienced any obstacles using crypto or privacy related apps? Do you have suggestions on how to mitigate them?

12. Please provide your response to your selected prompt here. *

Short Answers (<240 Characters Each)

WHEN WRITING RESPONSES, PLEASE DO NOT USE REAL NAMES OF PEOPLE OR PLACES. You can include names of well-known people if they are relevant.

13. What cryptocurrency or privacy technology interests you the most? Why? *

14. Are you a member of a cryptocurrency or privacy club or meetup, or have you attended a related event? If so, what was it and what did you learn? *

15. Is money something that needs to be “backed” by something else? *

16. Have you ever mined, staked, or run a node for a cryptocurrency? *

17. How are cryptocurrencies useful to you? *

Additional Documentation

Please help us confirm your student enrollment status by providing this information.

18. Transcript from the latest educational institution attended *

This can be an unofficial or official transcript.

Files submitted:

19. What is your declared major? *

If you do not have one, put "Undeclared."

20. What is your unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale? *

21. Proof of registration/enrollment at an eligible institution

This is NOT needed if it's the same institution if you have provided a transcript for. This is usually provided by incoming freshmen and transfer students.

Files submitted:

22. Resume (optional but recommended; please redact name/address)

Please redact your name and address. This will be shown to the review committee. We will manually review all of these files to remove identifying information.

Files submitted:

23. Any supplemental information

If you feel that this application does not otherwise cover your special circumstances or accomplishments, please provide this additional context here. Do not include identifying information. This will be shown to the review committee.

Files submitted:

Letters of Recommendation

We strongly recommend that candidates seek out letters of recommendation. While these letters of recommendation are optional, having individuals who can vouch for your enthusiasm for cryptocurrencies and your motivation will substantially elevate your application.

Please provide the following instructions to the individual who will provide the letter of recommendation:

1. Letters of recommendation should explain the nature of the relationship between the author and the applicant.
2. Ensure the subject heading "Letter of Reference, NAME" replacing NAME with the applicant's last name/surname/family name. While we will make a best effort to match letters with other subjects, there is more opportunity for error with a different one.
3. Do not include the name of the candidate in the letter itself. Please say "the applicant," "the student," or similar. We will redact any submitted names before the selection committee reviews them.
4. Authors should send letters to applications@magicgrants.org before 14 July 2025. Note that the application and letters of reference may be sent separately as needed (this is normal).

24. I understand that the best applicants will aim to get 1-3 letters of recommendation, but they are optional. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand

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