

William S. and Margaret I. Marvin Scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions

The William S. and Margaret I. Marvin Scholarships are offered to students attending and graduating from the Warroad High School (District #690). It is recommended that as students enter 7th grade that parents and guardians begin to learn more about the scholarship criteria and start thinking about how to prepare.

A student is required to be enrolled full time and attend Warroad Schools for six years to receive the full amount of the scholarship award. The following scale is used for apportionment of the scholarship for those students that are enrolled as follows:

- 7th grade through 12th grade @ 100%
- 8th grade through 12th grade @ 80%
- 9th grade through 12th grade @ 60%
- 10th grade through 12th grade @ 40%
- 11th grade through 12th grade @ 20%
- 12th grade only @ 0%

In addition, students who were not enrolled full time in the Warroad school district (e.g. PSEO, distance learning) for any portion of any scholarship eligible year will receive a pro-rated award. That is, if a recipient attended 8th through 12th grade (80% award eligible) but participated in distance learning for half of their senior year credits, they would receive an award that is less than the full 80% based on actual enrollment in Warroad school district.

The adjusted award amount will be communicated directly to award recipients after selections are made. No attempt to calculate possible award amounts will be made by school district staff, Scholarship America, or Minnesota Community Foundation until after recipients have been identified.

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1. What are the main elements of the scholarship?

There are four areas that are an important part of the scholarship application.

- a) Civic mindedness which is demonstrated through non-paid community service.
- b) Academic achievement where graduating seniors must have a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- c) Extracurricular activities through participation in school-based activities.
- d) Other factors, such as work which demonstrates responsibility can also be considered.

Each of these elements must be tracked and signed off from authorizing parties.

2. How should the community service and other activities be tracked?

A special form has been designed to track on-going civic and community volunteering. Your student can begin to volunteer in 7th grade. Because it could be up to six years of tracking, it works best to have the form available as your child completes the volunteer activity. The form must be dated and signed off by two people providing oversight of the civic activity.

We encourage you to submit community service forms directly to the school as activities are completed and keep a copy in a safe place; so that you can refer back to them during your child's senior year when it's time to fill out the scholarship application. The school can assist you with tracking of other school related activities and academics.

3. How do we find out about civic volunteering opportunities?

We encourage you to be proactive in selecting civic volunteering opportunities. To aid in this process a list of civic organizations and key contact names are provided at the school and placed on websites. In addition, the school includes volunteer opportunities in their daily announcements as the need arise.

4. What is the eligibility criterion?

Applicants must be graduating from Warroad High School and plan to attend an accredited two- or four-year undergraduate degree program. Students must be enrolled for a minimum of two years to qualify. All awards are pro-rated based on the number of years of full-time attendance in grades 7-12.

5. How are the scholarship amounts determined?

Four-year awards are up to a maximum award equivalent to the average of the tuition and fees at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the University of Minnesota Duluth, Bemidji State University, St. Cloud State University, Moorhead State University, North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota. The four-year total value of a 2015-16 award will be approximately \$38,320 for recipients eligible for the maximum amount.

Two-year awards are up to a maximum award equivalent to the tuition and fees at Northland Community and Technical College or the average of the two-community and technical colleges at which most students intend to enroll. The two-year total value of a 2015-16 award will be approximately \$11,034 for recipients eligible for the maximum amount.

6. Are the scholarship awards renewable?

Yes. Awards are renewable up to three consecutive years for four-year recipients or one additional year for two-year recipients. Renewals require a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.25.

7. Do you need to reapply annually?

No. As long as the cumulative grade point average of 2.25, there is no need to reapply. It will automatically renew at the College or University your student attends.

8. Are two-year students able to apply for an extension if they transfer to a 4-year school?

No. New two year awards are no longer eligible for extension. This is a permanent change being implemented in the 2015-16 scholarship program.

9. Who manages the scholarship program?

The Minnesota Community Foundation contracted Scholarship Management Services to facilitate the administration of the scholarship. All scholarship applications are submitted through this third-party administrator to maintain confidentiality.

10. Who makes the selection?

The selection process is commonly known as a “blind” selection. The membership of the selection committee is anonymous and confidential. The committee members are non-family members and are viewed as being exemplary citizens of Warroad.

11. Does the selection committee know the name of the student applicants?

No. Each applicant’s name is removed by Scholarship Management Services and given a number. The selection committee only sees the number reference on the application.

12. How can I help my child prepare?

Get involved today! Talk about scholarship opportunities as a family. Start looking for civic volunteering opportunities, continue to encourage and support your child as they complete their high school education and get involved in the community and school activities.

13. Where can I go for more information?

Contact Warroad High School Counselor at 218.386.6061 or bridget_lindner@warroad.k12.mn.us