



- ◆ Do you have clear career, academic and/or vocational goals?
- ◆ Will you be enrolled in a degree program in an accredited U.S. institution of higher learning during the 2017-2018 academic year?
- ◆ Would scholarship funds help you achieve your goals?
- ◆ The Western New York Mensa chapter can accept applications from any eligible student in our area - you don't have to be a Mensa member

The MENSAs Education & Research Foundation

Scholarship Program is now open!

Go to www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships
to submit your application by January 15, 2017

Why apply?

- Scholarships are merit based; applications are judged solely by the essay submitted online.
- Scholarship winners receive their award check directly, enabling the funds to be used for the winner's highest priority needs during the school year.
- It's just really cool to have a MENSAs Scholarship on your resume.

The Mensa Education & Research Foundation Scholarship program awards thousands of dollars every year to students. Since 1997, the Foundation has given more than \$900,000 in scholarships. The amount of money available for awards is about \$85,000 a year. In addition, many scholarships funded by local Mensa Chapters are awarded. Western NY Mensa usually awards one additional \$500 scholarship to a local student.

The Fine Print:

- Applicants are required to write an essay, up to 550 words, as well as fill out a general application. Eligibility requirements for a general Mensa Foundation scholarship include legal U.S. residency and enrollment at an accredited U.S. institution of post-secondary education for the 2017-2018 academic year. (HINT: pay attention to the guidelines, ensure you have a goal clearly stated and supported, and proofread your essay before submitting it.)
- A number of Mensa Foundation scholarships are awarded with no restrictions regarding age, gender, academic grade point average or financial need, as long as the applicant resides in the area of a participating Local Group. Most scholarships are based solely on an essay written by the applicant, and special category scholarships are awarded to applicants who meet specific academic or personal requirements.
- All applications must be submitted online on or before 11:59 p.m., Central time, on January 15, 2017.
- The Mensa Education & Research Foundation is a philanthropic, non-profit, tax-exempt organization funded by gifts from members of American Mensa and other donors. The scholarship program is possible due to dedicated Mensa volunteers across the country. American Mensa is an organization open to anyone who scores in the top two percent on an accepted, standardized intelligence test. The organization has more than 57,000 members in the United States. For more information about Mensa, or to apply for membership, visit www.us.mensa.org or www.wny.us.mensa.org.