

September 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Elks Local and National Academic Scholarships

Read This Entire Letter

TO: High School Seniors and Parents

After September 1st, you will be able to access the online 2023 scholarship application at the following website:

www.enf.elks.org/mvs

Enter your name, address, email address, and how you learned about the Elks academic scholarships. By entering this information, you will be able to access and save the scholarship application.

Note the deadline for submitting your online National scholarship application is November 13, 2023.

*** In addition to competing for the National Elks Scholarship, the Northland Elks Lodge located in Gladstone (directly behind Margaritas restaurant on North Oak) will be awarding additional scholarships to Northland high school seniors:

- 1 - \$4,000 Scholarship (\$1,000 per year for 4 years)
- 6 to 8 - \$1,000 Scholarships

*** Before submitting your final copy of your scholarship application...**PRINT A COPY.** To be considered for one of the local scholarships, you must **PRINT** and deliver or mail a copy of your scholarship application and copies of supporting artifacts to the Northland Elks Lodge #2376 at 7010 North Cherry, Gladstone, MO 64118. We must receive your completed application by Wednesday, November 15.

I provide the following advice for all scholarship applications: proof read entries on the application; check for spelling and good grammar; include as artifacts copies (not originals) of all certificates received in high school related to extra-curricular activities and academic honors and awards; and finally, do not procrastinate in completing the application. This is a wonderful opportunity to possibly offset a portion of the expenses related to your college education.

Items to include in your scholarship packet:

- *Listing of all community service or volunteer service conducted through your high school years;
- *Certificates of Honors, awards, and certificates of participation presented to you through school or other organizations;
- *If you completed community college credits during your junior and senior years, highlight this program involvement;
- *Involvement in activities where you demonstrated leadership;
- ****Counselor's Report – is required and if you apply for a local scholarship, you must ask the counselor to copy and place the report in a sealed envelope for your application;*** and
- *A well-written essay related to your involvement in an organization and how it influenced you and your plans for the future (in college and after graduation) – use good grammar and word choice.

If you have questions concerning either the National or Local scholarship applications, either email or telephone me: robertmallams70@gmail.com and (816) 520-4379.

Dr. R.D. Mallams, Scholarship Chair



2024 ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



The Elks National Foundation awards **\$2.52 million** in college scholarships to a total of 500 high school seniors nationwide through its Most Valuable Student contest.

ELIGIBILITY

High School Senior and United States Citizen

JUDGING CRITERIA



Academics



Leadership



Financial Need



Service

500 FOUR-YEAR AWARDS*

▶ **480** Scholarships worth **\$4,000**

▶ **20** Scholarships worth **\$30,000**

**Awards paid over four years*

APPLICATIONS

Available online starting **August 1, 2023**
at enf.elks.org/MVS

DEADLINE

Due on or before **November 13, 2023**
Counselor Report due **November 20, 2023**



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2024 CONTEST TIMELINE

AUGUST 1, 2023

- ▶ Applications Available at enf.elks.org/MVS



NOVEMBER 13, 2023

- ▶ Application Deadline

DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024

- ▶ Lodge and District Judging
- ▶ State Quarter-Finalists Notified
Supplemental Materials Required
(Transcript and FAFSA Student Aid Report)

FEBRUARY 2024

- ▶ State Judging

MARCH 2024

- ▶ 500 National Semi-Finalists Notified
Semi-Finalist Application Opens
- ▶ National Judging
- ▶ Top 20 Finalists Selected to Attend
Leadership Weekend and receive \$30,000

APRIL 11-14, 2024

- ▶ Leadership Weekend in Chicago



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Applicants will be notified via email at each stage of the competition by the Elks National Foundation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all eligibility and application requirements are met.

There is no guarantee of a financial award until applicants reach the national level.

Many Lodges, Districts and State Elks Associations also award scholarships through the MVS contest. The ENF and its contest partner, International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), are only responsible for administering the national competition.