

## THE MCKINLEY FOUNDATION FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The McKinley Foundation at the University of Illinois was named for US Senator William McKinley, a well-known humanitarian and benefactor in this community and the University of Illinois. It was built at the height of the Depression and dedicated in 1930. Throughout its 100 plus years, The McKinley Foundation, in cooperation with the McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church, has sought to live out its inclusive faith and socially conscious convictions through social justice work and human service.

## AMOUNT

The McKinley Foundation Freshman Scholarship is an award of \$2,000.

## CRITERIA

The McKinley Foundation Freshman Scholarship is available exclusively to entering freshmen who will be residents of Presby Hall at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois, for the coming academic year.

Preference is given to those students who meet the following criteria:

- Financial need
- Civic engagement or volunteer service, especially for social justice issues
- Academic achievement

## TO APPLY

1. **Application:** Complete the form that begins on page 3. Be sure to sign the application agreement on page 5.
2. **Essay:** Include an essay of no more than 500 words that briefly describes your academic interests and how they relate to your career objectives.
3. **References:** Provide three references from people other than relatives that attest to your suitability to be awarded this scholarship, e.g., current or former supervisors, professors, high school teachers, coaches, clergy members. Preferably, one of your references should speak specifically about your civic engagement or volunteer activities.

You may collect and attach reference letters to your application. Alternately, reference letters may be sent directly to the Scholarship Awards Committee.

4. **Transcripts:** Arrange to have your high school provide a copy of your final grade report. A photocopy is acceptable.

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Send all of the aforementioned materials to the Scholarship Awards Committee at The McKinley Foundation.

By mail:

Scholarship Awards Committee  
McKinley Foundation  
809 South Fifth Street  
Champaign, IL 61820

By email:

[scholarship@mckinley-church.org](mailto:scholarship@mckinley-church.org)

**General Information**

(Use additional paper as needed for all application form sections)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

High School Information

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

University of Illinois Information

College (LAS, ACES, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Major / Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors & Awards and Dates Received**

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**Extracurricular & Volunteer Activities and Dates**

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**Financial Contributions**

What are your expected costs for the coming academic year?

Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Board \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be receiving any financial aid?     Yes     No

If yes, list below:

Scholarships / Financial Aid	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Are you currently employed?     Yes, full-time     Yes, part-time     No

If yes, please complete the following:

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours per week: \_\_\_\_\_    Salary / Hourly Wage: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated annual family income:

Less than \$25,000     \$25,000-\$49,999     \$50,000-\$74,999

\$75,000-\$99,999     \$100,000 or more

**Comments / Additional Information**

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## Application Agreement

All scholarship money will be paid directly to Presby Hall.

In accepting this scholarship award, you agree to meet the following requirements. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of your scholarship aid.

- Maintain full-time academic studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Refrain from any actions that may bring disrepute to The McKinley Foundation, as judged by the Scholarship Awards Committee. These activities may include, but are not limited to, arrest for alcohol-related offenses, arrest for illegal drug possession, possession of firearms or other weapons on The McKinley Foundation property or any of its affiliates, sexual assault or sexual harassment, vandalism, serious infractions of Presby Hall rules and regulations, or other felonious activities.
- Make yourself available for media interviews as directed by The McKinley Foundation, and have your name and likeness used in McKinley Foundation marketing materials.

I have read and understand the enclosed information. I affirm that the information which I have provided on this application form and any additional material that I submit related to the financial aid process is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), I hereby authorize the McKinley Foundation to release the scholarship application information provided by me, as well as other official and unofficial information regarding my academic progress and status, to scholarship donors or their heirs for the purpose of providing them with information concerning my eligibility as a scholarship recipient.

I also understand that furnishing false information may result in revocation of my financial aid or may result in disciplinary action pursuant to rules and regulations established by The McKinley Foundation at the University of Illinois, or any of its affiliates.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_