National Office Scholarships: Frequently Asked Questions

What are the National Office scholarships?

- We have 23 donor scholarships and 31 college partners that provide scholarships for TeamMates mentees.
  - Donor scholarships are funded through our National Office and paid out directly to the post-secondary institution at the start of each term.
  - College partner scholarships are funded through the colleges and will be applied to the student’s account at the start of each term.

Who is eligible to apply for National Office scholarships?

- High school senior mentees that meet the following requirements are welcome to apply:
  - Participated in TeamMates for a minimum of three years.
  - Is a current mentee regularly meeting with their mentor (exceptions to this requirement may be approved by the National Office).
  - Will utilize the scholarship in the following fall when they apply (example: apply in fall 2025; use scholarship in fall 2026)

  Note: If mentees did not complete scholarship application during their senior year of high school, they are eligible to apply one time until the age of 25.

How does a mentee apply?

- Mentees can apply online at the TeamMates scholarships webpage: https://teammates.org/teammates-plus/scholarships/
- The application is open from Oct. 1 - Jan. 20.
- Mentees complete just one application and will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.
- On the application, mentees should indicate all post-secondary institutions they are interested in.
- The application (which is administered through the CommunityForce system) allows mentees to save their work and come back to it later.

How are scholarship applicants evaluated and when are they notified of the results?

Competitive Scholarships

- Evaluation Criteria: Academics (10 points), 4 Essay Questions (80 points), Letter of Recommendation (10 points)
- Awards will be determined based on application score and college recommendation (for our college partnership scholarships).
- In February/March/April, mentees will be notified via email if they have been awarded a scholarship. Program Coordinator and mentors will be included in the communication.

Non-Competitive Scholarships

- Evaluation Criteria: Applicant must indicate on the school’s application that they are in TeamMates.
- Mentee guaranteed to receive a scholarship (Note: Colleges typically do not award multiple academic (tuition) scholarships.)
- The school will reach out directly to the mentee with the awarded amount.

Why should I encourage senior mentees to apply, and how can I best support them in the scholarship process?

- Scholarships are free money for our students to pursue their education.
- TeamMates has wonderful donors and college partners that believe in our mission and commitment to support youth to reach their full potential.
- Our National Office scholarships are only available to TeamMates mentees.
- Encourage your mentees to talk with their mentors about their application.
- In their essay responses, mentees should be thoughtful, include important details, and provide specific examples.

How can a chapter set up their own local scholarship?

- Many of our chapters offer local chapter scholarships for their students in addition to the National Office scholarships.
- We have established a Local Scholarship Committee Handbook to assist chapters with setting up and/or maintaining scholarships. The handbook provides procedural and legal guidance as well as a sample scholarship application. It can be found in Civicore under “resources” tab and on the TeamMates scholarship webpage.
- It is important to note that chapter scholarships must be paid directly to the post-secondary institution and can never be paid directly to the student.

Where can I find scholarship resources?

- On the TeamMates scholarships webpage and under the “resources” tab in Civicore.

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