



## 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 from 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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