

MANCHESTER EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scholarship Application 2025-26

- **PURPOSE** – To recognize the academic achievements of M.E.A./ retired members’ children/grandchildren and assist qualified students with funding their post-secondary school studies in higher education.
- **ELIGIBILITY**- The applicant must be the biological, step or legally adopted child or grandchild of a current/retired M.E.A. member. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. The applicant must be presently a senior in high school, or up to two years past graduating high school, and a first time applicant. Selection will be based on academic achievement, and a written essay. A parent or grandparent must be a current or retired member of MEA, and must have contributed to EduCash in the current school year. The student will not be eligible for the scholarship if the parent or grandparent has not contributed to EduCash.
- **APPLICATIONS** – Scholarship forms may be obtained at the M.E.A. office Monday – Friday 3:00PM – 5PM. (Please call ahead to schedule a time to pick it up.) Forms may also be found on the web page at www.meanh.org.
- **AWARDS** – To receive the award, the student must be enrolled full time in a degree granting institution during the 2025-2026 academic year. The scholarship of up to \$500 will be awarded after the conclusion of the 1st semester of the 2025-2026 academic year. To receive the award, a grade report for the 1st semester grades showing satisfactory completion (no failing grades) must be sent to the M.E.A. Treasurer postmarked by Friday, **February 13, 2026**. The grade report does not have to be an official transcript. A printed copy of online grades is sufficient as an unofficial transcript, with the student’s name and school name.
- **DEADLINE** – Application and transcript must be returned to the M.E.A. office. The completed application must reach the M.E.A. office by **Monday, March 17, 2025**. All other applications will be voided.
- **INSTRUCTIONS** – Instructions to complete this form are listed on page 2.

Scholarships will be presented at Awards Assemblies at the individual schools if MEA is invited to present.

INSTRUCTIONS

- i. Applicant must complete the top part of page 3 and then have his/her high school Principal (or their designee), or college/university Registrar complete the bottom of page 3.
- ii. MEA member parent/grandparent must complete the top of page 4. Applicant and parent/grandparent must both sign page 4.
- iii. Please include a typed essay of not more than 500 words in response to the provided prompt on the bottom of page 4.
- iv. An **official** high school transcript of 3 ½ years of high school (for current high school seniors), **official** transcripts of completed high school courses for those who have already graduated from high school or achieved their GED, or **official** transcripts for those currently enrolled in post-secondary schools **MUST** accompany this application. **Photocopies will not be accepted.**

If the transcript does not indicate course levels, please have your **school counselor** indicate the level of each class taken on a separate piece of paper using the standard listed below.

4 = Honors / AP

2 = Average in degree of difficulty

3 = Above average in degree of difficulty 1 = Below average in degree of difficulty

If no level of difficulty is provided, the course will be assumed to be a level 2 in degree of difficulty.

- v. Please note that applications **MUST be returned by U.S. mail, electronic scan of the application through email, or hand delivered** to the M.E.A. office. **The application must be received, not postmarked, by the M.E.A. Scholarship Committee on or before Monday, March 17, 2025.** We recommend that applications be mailed at least one week in advance and a follow up call be made to ensure receipt of the application: 603-235-3938

* Incomplete applications will be automatically voided. *

- vi. Return the completed application via U.S. mail to the address below:

**Manchester Education Association Scholarship Committee, 250 Commercial Street,
Suite 3005C Manchester NH 03101**

THE SECTION BELOW MUST BE FILLED IN BY THE APPLICANT (please print)

1. Applicant's name: _____
2. Applicant's home address: _____ Street
 _____ City, State, Zip
3. High school attended by applicant:
 Name _____
 Street _____
 City, State, Zip _____
5. College/university planning to attend/attending _____
6. Anticipated field of study/major: _____

THE SECTION BELOW MUST BE FILLED IN BY THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/DESIGNEE or REGISTRAR

1. Applicant's Y.O.G. _____
2. Applicant's GPA (for currently enrolled in post secondary) _____
3. Applicant's UNWEIGHTED high school class rank _____ out of _____ graduates.
4. Applicant's WEIGHTED (if available) class rank _____ out of _____ graduates.
5. Signature of **Principal /Registrar** _____
6. Date _____
7. _____
 Name of school official to be notified Phone

 E-mail address Date of Award Ceremony

Family Statement

This part of the application should be filled in by the applicant's MEA member parent/grandparent, and signed by both the parent/grandparent and applicant upon completion of the application.

1. Name of parent/grandparent that is/are a M.E.A./M.E.A. Retired member:

2. School where M.E.A. member teaches/taught: _____

3. Did the M.E.A./retired member contribute to the M.E.A. "Educash" scholarship fundraiser?

YES

NO

4. M.E.A./Retired member's e-mail address: _____

5. Your signature below implies that information provided on this application is truthful and accurate.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent/grandparent signature _____ Date _____

Essay

Please attach a **typed** essay with your response to the following prompt. Please limit your response to 500 words or less.

Recall an educator who has had a significant influence on you. Describe that influence in light of your academic and professional goals.