



The Mark Wandall Foundation Scholarship Program Official Rules

NO PURCHASE/DONATION NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN

1. Eligibility: The Mark Wandall Foundation Scholarship Program is open only to legal residents of the state of Florida, who are between 17 and 25 years of age, have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or guardian, and are currently enrolled in, or have been accepted to, a college, university, or trade school within the fifty (50) United States, the District of Columbia or Puerto Rico. Employees of The Mark Wandall Foundation or the employee's immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling, and their respective spouses) and those living in their same households, whether related, are not eligible to enter or win a scholarship. Void where prohibited by law. The Scholarship Program is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
2. How to Enter: To enter, visit www.themarkwandallfoundation.org/scholarship-program/ to obtain a copy of the scholarship application. A complete entry will include the completed application form, (3) letters of recommendation (letters from an immediate family member are not eligible), high school, college, or vocational program transcript, financial needs statement and either an essay of no more than 500 words or video entry of no more than 3 minutes. Complete entries including all items listed above must be received by midnight ET on March 31, 2025 by submitting all required items to ksmith.themarkwandallfoundation@gmail.com . All applications received will be acknowledged by email. If an email confirmation is not received by applicant prior to the deadline, it is the applicant's responsibility to confirm the application and required materials have been received by The Mark Wandall Foundation prior to the March 31, 2025, deadline. Partial or incomplete entries will not be considered, and no submission date extensions will be granted. All entries become the property of The Mark Wandall Foundation and will not be returned. Limit one (1) entry per entrant. Entry must be submitted in English, be entrant's original creation, be true and verifiable, created solely by entrant, with no restrictions or limitations on entrant's right to submit, or The Mark Wandall Foundation's right to use for any purpose, the entry. Entry must be 100% original and not contain third party materials subject to copyright including but not limited to music, video clips, artwork, and photos. Entry cannot defame or invade publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person's personal or proprietary rights. Modifying, enhancing, or altering a third party's pre-existing work does not qualify as entrant's original creation. Entry may not be offensive or inappropriate, as determined by judges in their sole discretion. The Mark Wandall Foundation, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any entry it deems to be inappropriate, offensive, or not in keeping with The Mark

4. Judging: All eligible entries received will be judged by a panel of qualified judges. Scholarship winners will be notified by telephone and certified mail communication post-marked no later than May 15, 2025. In the event of a tie, such tied entries will be re-judged by an additional "tie-breaking" judge based on the criteria set forth herein. The Mark Wandall Foundation reserves the right not to award any or all scholarships in the event it receives an insufficient number of eligible entries that meet the minimum judging criteria or for any other reason, as determined by The Mark Wandall Foundation in its sole discretion.
5. Scholarship: Scholarships are to be paid directly to winners' college, university, or trade school. All federal, state, and local taxes and any other costs and expenses not specifically stated herein as being awarded are the winners' sole responsibility. No transfer, assignment, cash redemption, or substitution of scholarship except by The Mark Wandall Foundation which may substitute a scholarship with one of equal or greater value, at its sole discretion. All scholarship details are at the sole discretion of The Mark Wandall Foundation. Winner Notification: Potential winners will be required to execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability and (where legal) Publicity Release within seven calendar days of issuance of notification. Noncompliance with the foregoing, these official rules, The Mark Wandall Foundation's inability to contact a potential winner by May 30, 2025, or scholarship notification returned as non-deliverable, may result in disqualification and, at The Mark Wandall Foundation's discretion, a runner-up may be notified.
6. General Conditions: By participating, each entrant (or, if a minor, his/her parent or legal guardian) agrees (i) to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules and the decisions of The Mark Wandall Foundation and judges, which shall be final and binding in all respects; (ii) to release The Mark Wandall Foundation and the scholarship committee from any liability, loss, injury or damage to entrants or any other person or entity, including personal injury or death to participants or any other person or damage to personal or real property, due in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by reason of entrant's participation in this program, the use of any entry or acceptance, possession, use or misuse of a scholarship, and any claims based on rights of privacy, rights of publicity and/or copyright infringement. (iii) to indemnify and hold harmless The Mark Wandall Foundation from any liability, loss, injury or damage including attorney's fees and costs associated with litigation arising there from related to entrant's participation in this program, the use of any entry or acceptance, possession, use or misuse of a scholarship, and any claims based on rights of privacy, rights of publicity and/or copyright infringement and (iv) to the use by The Mark Wandall Foundation and its designees of his/her name, city and state of residence, likeness, voice, actions and biographical information for advertising and promotion purposes in all media now or hereafter known throughout the world in perpetuity, without additional compensation, notification, or permission, unless prohibited by law. Should any portion of the program be, in The Mark Wandall foundation's sole opinion, compromised by non-authorized human intervention or other causes which, in the sole opinion of The Mark Wandall Foundation corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness, or submission of entries, The Mark Wandall Foundation reserves

the right at its sole discretion to suspend, modify or terminate the program entirely, and/or to select the potential winners from all eligible, non-suspect entries received prior to such action using the judging procedure outlined above. The Mark Wandall Foundation assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, submissions. The Mark Wandall Foundation is not responsible for printing, typographical, technical, telephonic, computer, human, network or other errors relating to or in connection with the program, including, without limitation, errors which may occur in any program related materials, the administration of the scholarship program, the processing or judging of entries or the announcement of the scholarship; for stolen, lost, late, misdirected, inaccurate, undelivered, damaged, delayed, garbled, illegible, incomplete or postage-due entries or mail. The Mark Wandall Foundation is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or telephone lines, computer on-line systems, servers, or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail or entry to be received on account of technical problems, human error or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any web site, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to individual's or any other person's computer relating to or resulting from participation in this program or downloading any materials in this program. CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEB SITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE; THE MARK WANDALL FOUNDATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES OR OTHER REMEDIES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTEMPT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

7. Use of Entry: By submitting an entry, entrant (or, if a minor, his/her parent or guardian) agrees The Mark Wandall Foundation its member organization licensees and its agents shall own the entry submitted (including all rights embodied therein) and that it and its designees may exploit, edit, modify, and distribute the entry and all elements of such entry, including, without limitation, the names, likenesses, voices and actions of any persons or locations embodied therein, in any and all media now known or not currently known, throughout the world in perpetuity without compensation, permission, or notification to entrant or any third party. Entrant (or, if a minor, his/her parent, or guardian) further grants The Mark Wandall Foundation the right to allow promotional materials that include entrant's entry to be embeddable by the public via YouTube or other online video or photo services.

Thank you for your interest in The Mark Wandall Foundation's Scholarship Program. We are excited to award scholarships to young adults (age 25 and under) who are residents of the state of Florida and who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling and/or guardian.

The attached application and required documents must be completed and submitted no later than March 31, 2025. Incomplete applications or those missing the required documents detailed below will not be considered. Submit your application and required documents to ksmith.themarkwandallfoundation@gmail.com.

All applications received will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive an email acknowledgment, it is the applicant's responsibility to confirm the application has been received prior to the deadline. If you have been selected, you will be notified by telephone and certified mail by May 15, 2025.

You are welcome to apply for a scholarship opportunity with The Mark Wandall Foundation each year (winners can also re-apply), however no applicant will receive award money more than four times.

Please use the below checklist to be sure you have all the required documents prior to your submission.

Good Luck!

- ✓ Scholarship Application
- ✓ Financial Needs Statement
- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation, One of Each:
 1. Personal Recommendation
 2. Scholastic Recommendation
 3. Professional Recommendation (employer, volunteer coordinator, coach, etc.)
- *** (letters from immediate family members are not accepted)
- ✓ Copy of High School, College, or Vocational Program Transcript
- or
- ✓ GED Certificate of Completion- Must be accompanied by GED test scores from all sections taken (English, Math, Social Studies, etc.).
- ✓ Essay or Video
- ✓ **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN ONE COMPLETE PDF FILE (not several, 1-page attachments)**



Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ Email _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Loss of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date of Loss of Sibling: _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES NO

Have you ever applied for this scholarship? YES NO If yes, when? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

***High School:** _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Diploma: _____

***College:** _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

***Other:** _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

Please list the contact information for the three letters of recommendation you are including with this application:

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

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Company: _____ Phone: _____

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Please list any extra-curricular activities, volunteer work, community involvement, leadership roles or awards and/or achievements below:

Essay

*In an essay in 500 words or less (and in 10-point font) OR in a video submission of 3 minutes or less, please tell us about **the continuing impact the person you have lost has had on your life AND how that impact has resulted in your drive to achieve a college degree or higher education.** Please submit your essay or video with this application.*

Disclaimer

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to a scholarship award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in forfeiture of my scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

WHAT IS A STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED?

Brief Introduction

First, list any special scholarship need groups to which you may belong. Are you the first in your family to go to college? This is the place to explain that. Are you from a disadvantaged family? Are you from an ethnic group that is under-represented at the school? In this introductory paragraph, you give the financial aid committee a picture of who you are.

Explain How You are Paying for College Now

Let them know you are not ignoring other sources of help. Tell the committee if you are working to help pay college expenses. Detail what steps you have already taken to pay for your education, such as Bright Futures or 529 Savings Plan. This gives the scholarship committee a starting point from which to understand your financial situation.

Explain Difficulties You Are Having in Meeting Your Needs

A Statement of Financial Need should tell the committee why you are seeking aid. This is the place to talk about any changes that have occurred in your life that impact your ability to pay for your education. For instance, there may have been changes in your family's income, unanticipated expenses, or a shortfall in your finances. In this area, you can also provide information to show that you handle funds responsibly. For instance, have you already paid for a semester, or a year, by your own efforts? If you broach this issue though, include only information about education, and not about unrelated things like car loans.

Talk About How You Would Benefit from the Scholarship

This may seem obvious, but it is important for the committee to understand that you intend to make good use of the funding. According to the financial aid page at this might include benefits like being able to concentrate on your studies by not spending so much time working. The funds might also allow you to take an unpaid internship required by your degree. In fact, the scholarship may make the difference between dropping out and finishing your studies. If that is the case, let the committee know.

Close In a Brief and Respectful Tone

Do not beg. Avoid emotionalism. Let your tone be professional and polite. Scholarships and financial aid are privileges, not inherent rights; the opportunities that these funds give students are invaluable. Schools and funding sources have a great responsibility in deciding to whom the awards should go.