

MAY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
2025 SHARK SCHOLARSHIP

MRHS PTO is offering two scholarship awards for MRHS Class of 2025 Seniors to help with college or trade school expenses. First place winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1000 and second place will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$500. Awards may be used for tuition, books, or other educational expenses.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum unweighted GPA of 2.5
- Applicants must be in good standing with attendance and have no outstanding fees
- Must be accepted to a 2 or 4 year college or trade school
- One essay question (350-500 words)
- Two letters of recommendation. One recommender must be a MRHS teacher, the other can be a teacher, coach, employer or mentor. Family members cannot write you a letter of recommendation.

(Please note: MRHS students whose parents serve on MRHS PTO as an active board member are not eligible to apply for this scholarship).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 11:59 PM EST on May 7, 2025

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit our PTO website to apply: www.mrhsptomarketplace.com/scholarships

Please note the form will save your entries for 30 days ONLY if you use a Google email account. If you do not use a Google email, you will need to have all your information ready when you apply. We have provided the essay topics on the next page so you can prepare your replies before you begin the online application. You can then copy & paste your essay into the Google form.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Typed letters of recommendation *must be emailed* to mrhspto@gmail.com, *directly from the recommender*, with PTO Scholarship and your first and last name in the subject line. (Example: PTO Scholarship - John Doe). On the last page of this packet, we have included instructions for you to provide to your recommenders.

APPLICATION REVIEW & DECISION:

- Applicant requirements (GPA, attendance, and fees) will be verified with MRHS administration & bookkeeper.
- Applications will be reviewed and awards chosen by the MRHS Executive Board and three (3) unaffiliated and unrelated community members.
- Selection will be made without regard to race, gender, or religious affiliation.
- Award decisions will be announced mid-May and awards will be presented at Senior Awards Night, Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 PM.

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ESSAY TOPICS (choose one of the following topics, 350-500 words)

- Tell us about your SHARK Pride. During your time at MRHS, how did you participate in spirit days/weeks? What extra-curricular clubs have you been a part of? Have you represented MRHS at community events or participated in community service for the school?
- What was your most challenging academic experience and how did you overcome it? How can you use what you learned from this challenge in your college/trade school or future educational endeavors?
- What are your greatest or favorite achievements from the past academic year? Why should we invest in you? This is your chance to tell us what sets you apart from other applicants, both in and outside of the classroom.
- Tell us what you aspire to achieve with higher education or career training. Is there a reason you chose your particular school? What made you choose your field of study? Do you already have background or experience in the field you're pursuing? Discuss how you hope your career positively impacts you, your family, and your community.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS, COMMUNITY SERVICE OR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

We want to learn more about our applicants, so you will have the option to list any other extra-curricular activities, community service, or academic achievements that you didn't include in your essay. These can be in or out of school.

GOOD LUCK!

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