2022 Scholarship Application

MAGIC Grants is excited to open scholarship applications for the 2022-2023 school year! We are awarding three (3) $1,000 USD scholarships, to be announced in August. We will distribute scholarships in two installments, in August 2022 and January 2023. Recipients must maintain a 3.0 GPA or greater on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent performance on another scale to receive the second installment of their scholarship. Current recipients are welcome to apply for future scholarships.

MAGIC Grants attempts to minimize implicit biases in the scholarship selection process by sanitizing some information from essays before the committee sees them, such as names of people and places.

If you prefer to submit your application through another means (eg: if you don't have a Google account), please email applications@magicgrants.org for an alternative submission process.

The application process includes several steps:

1. Basic information
2. Short background essay (2-3 paragraphs)
3. Two short essay prompts (3-5 paragraphs each)
4. Documentation proving student status
5. Letters of recommendation (optional but highly recommended)

If you have any questions about the application, please email applications@magicgrants.org or ask on our Discord: https://discord.gg/YH7kFuREKY

Any files that are uploaded will be shared outside of the organization they belong to.
* Required

1. Name: *

   This will not be shown to the review committee.

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2. Email: *

   This will not be shown to the review committee. You will receive status updates on your application.

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3. Please add me to the following mailing lists:

This will not be shown to the review committee.

Check all that apply.

☐ Scholarship mailing list, to be notified of new programs
☐ General mailing list, to be notified of general MAGIC Grants news
☐ MAGIC Monero Fund mailing list, to be notified of MAGIC Monero Fund news
☐ None of these

4. Applicant Mailing Address: *

This will not be shown to the review committee.

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5. Educational Institution Name: *

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6. Are you student at a US or non-US school? *

This year, we are pleased to open scholarships to applicants worldwide. Search to see if your US institution appears here: https://ope.ed.gov/dapip

Mark only one oval.

◯ I am a student at a US institution recognized by the Department of Education (see link above)

◯ I am a student at a non-US institution

◯ Other: _____

7. Major(s) or Field(s) of Study: *

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8. Expected Graduation Date: *

Eg: May 2023

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9. If selected, would you like to be named on our website? *

This will not be shown to the review committee. Website: https://magicgrants.org/scholarships/scholarship-recipients/

Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ Ask me later

10. How did you hear about us?

This will not be shown to the review committee. By answering this question, you help us reach additional students who are passionate about cryptocurrencies, so that we can support their dreams early on!

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Short Background Essay

11. In 3 paragraphs or less, describe how your field of study connects with cryptocurrencies and/or other privacy technologies, and explain how you intend to contribute to the cryptocurrency ecosystem with your education. *

This should be the equivalent of 0.5-1 page long. Please do not include personal information about yourself, since these will be reviewed by the committee. We recommend initially typing in another program and then pasting here.

Short Essay Prompts

WHEN WRITING ESSAYS, PLEASE DO NOT USE REAL NAMES OF PEOPLE OR PLACES. You can include names of well-known people if that is relevant. We are looking for responses that show clear interest and excitement in cryptocurrencies. We are not looking for responses that support any particular view, so criticism is okay!

We do not have strict requirements for essay length or formatting. Most responses are about 5 paragraphs long, or the equivalent of 2-3 pages. The content is significantly more important than the length. If you can succinctly express a powerful idea in only 3 paragraphs, that is okay.

12. Please pick two of the available short essay prompts: *

☐ Identify a social problem that could be positively affected with quantifiable benefits using blockchain or cryptocurrency

☐ In what ways can cryptocurrencies and other privacy enhancing technologies help or harm society? Do these benefits or harms disproportionately impact specific groups?

☐ What areas of cryptocurrency networks need the most attention? How can we improve cryptocurrency networks in these areas?

☐ To what extent have you or have you not experienced diversity in the cryptocurrency community? In what ways can we increase its diversity and encourage broader participation?

☐ Will the world be better or worse off now that people and companies do not need to transact using a bank or other financial institution? Why? What do people and governments do from here?

☐ How have financial institutions discriminated against minority communities? Do cryptocurrencies help reduce these injustices in any way?

☐ Write a thorough research report showing the pros, cons, tokenomics, attributes, competitive advantages, risks, and challenges of a cryptocurrency project you select.

☐ What adversity must you or have you overcome to achieve your goals? If you are selected as a recipient, how will this scholarship impact you?

13. Short essay response 1: *

Usually about 5 paragraphs, or the equivalent of 2-3 pages. Please do not include personal information about yourself, since these will be reviewed by the committee. We recommend initially typing in another program and then pasting here.

14. Short essay response 2: *

Usually about 5 paragraphs, or the equivalent of 2-3 pages. Please do not include personal information about yourself, since these will be reviewed by the committee. We recommend initially typing in another program and then pasting here.

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Additional Documentation

Please help us confirm your student enrollment status by providing this information.

15. Unofficial transcript from the latest educational institution attended *

Files submitted:

16. Proof of registration/enrollment at an eligible institution

This is NOT needed if it's the same institution if you have provided a transcript for. This is usually provided by incoming freshmen and transfer students.

Files submitted:

17. Resume (optional; please redact name/address)

Please redact your name and address. This will be shown to the review committee. We will manually review all of these files to remove identifying information.

Files submitted:

18. Any supplemental information

If you feel that this application does not otherwise cover your special circumstances or accomplishments, please provide this additional context here. Do not include identifying information. This will be shown to the review committee.

Files submitted:

We strongly recommend that candidates seek out letters of recommendation. While these letters of recommendation are optional, having individuals who can vouch for your

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enthusiasm for cryptocurrencies and your motivation will substantially elevate your application.

Please provide the following instructions to the individual who will provide the letter of recommendation:

1. Letters of recommendation should explain the nature of the relationship between the author and the applicant.
2. Ensure the subject heading "Letter of Reference, NAME" replacing NAME with the applicant's last name/surname /family name. While we will make a best effort to match letters with other subjects, there is more opportunity for error with a different one.
3. Do not include the name of the candidate in the letter itself. Please say "the applicant," "the student," or similar. We will redact any submitted names before the selection committee reviews them.
4. Authors should send letters to applications@magicgrants.org before 18 July 2022. Note that the application and letters of reference may be sent separately as needed (this is normal).

19. I understand that the best applicants will aim to get 1-3 letters of recommendation, but they are optional. *

Mark only one oval.

◯ I understand