

2024 Scholarship Application

MAGIC Grants is excited to open scholarship applications for the 2024-2025 school year! We are awarding three (3) \$2,000 USD scholarships, to be announced in August. We will distribute scholarships in two installments, in August 2024 and January 2025. 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 (0.25-0.5 pages)
3. Short answers (<280 characters each)
4. Medium length answer (<600 characters)
5. Transcript information

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

* Indicates required question

1. Name: *

This will not be shown to the review committee.

2. Email: *

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

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.

5. Educational Institution Name: *

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: *

8. Expected Graduation Date: *

Eg: May 2026

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!

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 0.25-0.5 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 Answers (<240 Characters Each)

WHEN WRITING RESPONSES, 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!

12. What cryptocurrency or blockchain network interests you the most? *

13. Do you have a crypto wallet installed on your phone? Laptop? *

14. Have you been to an in-person cryptocurrency meetup or student meeting? *

15. Is money something that needs to be “backed” by something else? *

16. Do all cryptocurrencies use a blockchain? *

17. When is the last time you used cryptocurrency? *

18. Have you ever mined, staked, or run a node for a cryptocurrency? *

19. Is proof-of-stake a legitimate consensus mechanism? *

20. How did you first learn about cryptocurrency? *

21. If you had \$100 to invest in cryptocurrency and tokens, how would you allocate your capital? *

22. What are your hobbies and interests? Have you participated in any events related to them? *

23. Have you ever played any games that use cryptocurrency or tokens? *

Medium-Length Answer (<600 Characters)

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24. Please pick one of the available short essay prompts: *

Mark only one oval.

- How do you imagine you will use cryptocurrency or tokens in the next 5 years?
- Make an argument why (or why not) Bitcoin will exist in largely the same state in 50 years.
- Propose or describe a solution for two parties to transact trustlessly in the absence of a trusted third party.
- Describe how to determine the fair value a popular DeFi token of your choice.
- How should governments regulate the purchase or transfer of cryptocurrency, if at all?

25. Please provide your response to your selected prompt here. *

Additional Documentation

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

26. Unofficial transcript from the latest educational institution attended *

Files submitted:

27. What is your declared major? *

If you do not have one, put "Undeclared."

28. What is your unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale? *

29. 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:

30. Resume (optional but recommended; 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:

31. 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:

Letters of Recommendation

We strongly recommend that candidates seek out letters of recommendation. While these letters of recommendation are optional, having individuals who can vouch for your 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 22 July 2024. Note that the application and letters of reference may be sent separately as needed (this is normal).

32. 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

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