

2026 Scholarship Application

MAGIC Grants is awarding three (3) 2,000 USD scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year, to be announced in August. We will distribute scholarships in August 2026. 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 before the review 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. Medium length answer (<600 characters)
4. Transcript information

Approximately 5-10 finalists will be selected for brief 15 minute interviews.

If you have any questions about the application, please email applications@magicgrants.org

* Indicates required question

1. Basic Information

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. Educational Institution Name: *

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

Scholarships are available to students in most countries. 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:

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

6. Expected Graduation Date: *

Eg: May 2030

7. If you have any work experience (e.g. an internship or research project) that relates to cryptocurrencies or privacy, please describe it here:

8. 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

9. 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 and privacy, so that we can support their dreams early on!

Short Background Essay

10. In 3 paragraphs or less, 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.

Medium-Length Answer (<600 Characters)

WHEN WRITING YOUR RESPONSE, PLEASE DO NOT USE REAL NAMES OF PEOPLE OR PLACES. You can include names of well-known people if relevant.

11. Please pick one of the available essay prompts: *

Mark only one oval.

- How did you first learn about cryptocurrency? Specifically how did it impact you or why did you find it interesting?
- Why is privacy important to you? What tools do you use to help improve your privacy?
- Have you experienced any obstacles using cryptocurrency or privacy related apps? Do you have suggestions on how to mitigate them?
- Describe a personal experience using cryptocurrencies.

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

Additional Documentation

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

13. Unofficial transcript from the latest educational institution attended *

Files submitted:

14. What is your declared major? *

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

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

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 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:

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:

Next Steps: Letters of Recommendation and Finalist Interview

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 21 July 2026. 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

20. I understand that finalists will be scheduled for a brief 15 minute interview. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand

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