

Yawkey Scholars Program for Massachusetts Residents 2019-2020

TPI - Yawkey

Scholarship Description

The Yawkey Scholars program is designed to make college affordable for talented, motivated, low-income students from Massachusetts who plan to attend a private college in Massachusetts. It provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship (up to \$25,000 per year) and other supports to help students achieve academically and go on to be successful and highly productive members of our community. Since 2005, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided more than \$12 million in tuition supports to more than 300 Scholars as they pursue a college education.

Requirements

Qualifications:

Applicants must:

- be a U.S. citizen and permanent resident of Massachusetts have a private, competitive college in Massachusetts among your top four college choices
- have someone in your life who you consider a mentor
- have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$75,000 or less and/or an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$6,000 or less

Application Materials Required:

- Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form and optional letter of recommendation
- Mentor letter of recommendation
- Essays - One long and three short essay
 - Questions are included in the application. You may copy and paste your short essays from a word document into the form. The long essay must be uploaded as a word document or PDF.
- High school transcript
- Pages 1 and 2 of parent/guardian(s)' most recent IRS 1040 Tax Forms

- If your parent(s)/guardian(s) do not plan to file taxes, please include a written explanation instead.
- Complete Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA.
 - This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the ENTIRE document.

Pre-Application Checklist

Please answer the following questions prior to filling out an application to determine if you are eligible to receive the Yawkey Scholarship.

If you answer "NO" to any of the questions, you are not eligible.

Is a private, competitive college in Massachusetts among your top 4 college choices?*

Choices

Yes

No

Are you a U.S. citizen?*

Choices

Yes

No

Do you have someone in your life who you consider a mentor?*

Choices

Yes

No

Financial Qualifications*

Is your family's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) \$75,000 or less and/or is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) \$6,000 or less?

Choices

Yes

No

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Yawkey Scholars Program. Please read the following instructions **carefully** before filling out your application. Applicant's ability to follow instruction

will weigh into award decisions.

Applications are due by Friday, February 15, 2019 at 12pm noon.

General Instructions

Completing your application:

All application materials can be found on TPI's website here:

<https://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program>

To preview the application, click on the Print Questions button in the upper right-hand corner. You should do this prior to beginning the application to review the questions.

You can save your application and return to it later by clicking "save" and logging out. Your application will be marked Draft and you can return to it at any time by logging back into your account.

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required. You will not be able to submit your application until all required questions are answered.

If you would like to save a copy of this application with your answers included, click on the "Application Packet" button at the top of this page.

Submitting your application:

All attachments must be submitted in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** format.

You must submit your application for it to be considered. Once you submit your application, you will receive an email confirming its receipt.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, then you have not properly submitted your application, and it will not be reviewed. If you do not receive this email, log back into your account to submit your application, or email yawkey@tpi.org for assistance.

To request a recommendation, enter the email address of your reference in the space provided, then click "Compose Email" to send them an email requesting a reference.

They will receive an email from this system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions.

Note: Your recommenders will continue to have access to submit their materials to your application even after you click "submit." You do not need to wait for your recommendations to be complete in order to submit your application.

Important: Review your application before clicking "submit". Make sure all attachments are filled out, have been uploaded correctly and your answers are clear. To do this, click on the "Application Packet" button in the top right-hand corner of the page. This will allow you to view your application in the form the reviewers will see it. ***Applications that have blank, unreadable***

attachments or don't load correctly will not be considered. It is very important that you look over your application to make sure everything has been properly submitted.

If you have any questions or need help uploading forms to your application, please contact Elaine Pena at Yawkey@tpi.org or 617-338-5897.

1. Personal Information

Applicant Name*

Character Limit: 100

Gender. How do you identify?*

Choices

- Female
- Male
- Other

Date of Birth*

Example: xx/xx/xxxx

Character Limit: 10

Were you born in the U.S?*

Choices

- Yes
- No

If you were not born in the United States, where were you born?

Character Limit: 50

How long have you lived in the U.S.?*

number of years

Character Limit: 2

Is English your first language?*

Choices

- Yes
- No

If not, what is your first language?

Character Limit: 50

Ethnicity*

Choices

American Indian / Alaska Native
Asian
Black / African American
Hispanic / Latino
Multi-Racial
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander
White

How did you hear about the Yawkey Scholars Program?*

Choices High
School Mentoring
Program Online
College Contact
Friend
Family member received award
Other

2. Family/Household Information

Who do you live with?*

Please list the people who live in your household including parent(s), sibling(s), etc. Please include their Name, Relationship To You, Age, Occupation (job title, school, other). For example: Jane Smith, mother, 52, Accountant.

Character Limit: 1000

Parent Contribution

If you live in a **single parent household**, what is your relationship with your other parent? Will your other parent be contributing financially to the cost of college? Please explain briefly.

Character Limit: 1000

Are you among the first generation in your immediate family to attend college?*

Choices

Yes
No

What is your first parent's highest level of education?*

Choices

Middle School
High School
Some College
College (two-year)

College (four-year)
Graduate School
Do not know

What is your second parent's highest level of education?*

Choices

Middle School
High School
Some College
College (two-year)
College (four-year)
Graduate School
Do not know

Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)*

Can be found on line #85 on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR)

Character Limit: 20

Expected Family Contribution (EFC)*

Found on the first page of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR)

Character Limit: 20

3. High School Information

High School - Name*

Character Limit: 100

High School - Location*

City, State

Character Limit: 50

High School - Graduation Date*

Month/Year (Example: xx/xxxx)

Character Limit: 7

High School GPA Weighted*

Please provide your weighted GPA.

Character Limit: 5

High School GPA Unweighted*

Please provide your unweighted GPA.

Character Limit: 200

SAT Score - Math (Range 200 - 800)*

If you did not take the SAT, please enter "0"

Character Limit: 5

SAT Score - Evidence - Based Reading and Writing (Range 200 - 800)*

Character Limit: 3

SAT Score - TOTAL (Range 400-1600)*

Character Limit: 15

ACT Score - Comp

Character Limit: 2

4. College Choice(s)

Please list, in order of preference, the colleges you hope to attend in the fall of 2019. The Yawkey Scholars Program is for students who attend **private, competitive colleges in Massachusetts**. You can still apply if you are considering other colleges.

First Choice College – Name*

Character Limit: 250

First Choice College – Location*

City, State

Character Limit: 100

First Choice College - Application Status*

Have you been accepted to your First Choice College?

Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

Second Choice College – Name

Character Limit: 100

Second College Choice - Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Second Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Second Choice College?

Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

Third Choice College – Name

Character Limit: 250

Third Choice College – Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Third Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Third Choice College?

Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

Fourth Choice College – Name

Character Limit: 250

Fourth Choice College – Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

Fourth Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Fourth Choice College?

Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

Additional private, competitive, Massachusetts colleges you are applying to

Please list school name, city, and application status.

Character Limit: 250

5. Extracurricular Information

Please fill out the following information about your extracurricular, community/volunteer, and work experiences in high school. A sample entry could look like this:

Work

Sunshine Camp; summer camp counselor; June 25, 2017 August 31, 2017; 30 hours per week for 8 weeks; \$2,000.

Activities, Awards & Honors

Memorial High School Marching Band; trumpet player; grades 10, 11, 12; 4 hours per week for 3 months.

Community/Volunteer

Brookside Elementary School; first grade reading tutor; grades 11 & 12; 6 hours per week after school for 4 months.

If you don't have anything to list in a particular section please write N/A.

If you would prefer, you may attach your resume at the bottom instead of filling out the individual fields.

Work List

Describe your work experience during the past four years (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. List amounts earned at each job.

Character Limit: 3000

Activities, Awards & Honors

List all activities in which you have participated during high school and college (e.g., student government, clubs, associations, sports, etc.). Please list the most recent first. Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Character Limit: 3000

Community Service/ Volunteer Activities

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay in the past four years including name of organization, dates of participation and specific activities.

Character Limit: 3000

Resume

Please upload the completed form in . pdf, .doc, or .docx formats, only.

You are welcome to include a copy of your resume instead of filling out the information above if you feel it provides a better representation of your experiences.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

6. Other Scholarships

Please list other outside private scholarships you have applied to or are receiving for the 2019-2020 school year.

Other Scholarships Applied to for 2019-20:

Please list all scholarships for which you have submitted an application.

Character Limit: 200

Other Scholarships Received for 2019-20 and annual scholarship amount:

Please list the scholarships you have been awarded, as well as the scholarship amount per year.

Character Limit: 200

7. Essays

Long Essay*

The goal of this application is to get to know more about you as a person and as a student. If your college essay reflects these goals, please feel free to attach it as your long essay. Otherwise, please write an essay that provides a good understanding of who you are and what's important to you. The essay should be 800 words or less. Please upload your essay in .pdf, .doc, or .docx file format, only.

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Academic and Career Goals*

Please briefly describe your academic and career ambitions.

Character Limit: 5000

Short Essay #1: First Choice College*

In 200 words or less, describe why you would like to attend your first choice college/university, including as it relates to your career objectives.

Character Limit: 5000

Short Essay #2: Mentoring Relationship*

In 200 words or less, describe your relationship with your mentor and how this relationship has been helpful to you.

The Yawkey Scholars Program supports students with a history of a strong, supportive, mentoring relationship.

Character Limit: 5000

Mentor Name:*

Character Limit: 200

Organization mentor works with:*

Character Limit: 200

Short Essay #3: Challenge*

Please describe a significant challenge you have experienced, or a circumstance that has impacted your life. How did you learn from it?

Character Limit: 5000

10. Required Attachments (High School Transcript, tax forms, FAFSA SAR)

Please attach the following required documents.

Official High School Transcript*

Please upload your most recent complete high school transcript, and include your high school's grading scale.

If your school does not provide transcripts to students, please upload a word document explaining that, and have your school email your transcript to Yawkey@tpi.org. Transcripts can also be mailed to:

Yawkey Scholars Program

c/o TPI

75 Arlington St., Suite 710

Boston, MA 02116

File Size Limit: 2 MB

IRS Form 1040*

Please attach a copy of *pages 1 and 2* of your parent(s)/guardian(s)' most recent **IRS Form 1040**. *If your parent(s)/guardian(s) do not plan to file taxes, please include a written explanation instead.*

File Size Limit: 5 MB

FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)*

Please attach a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). You can obtain a copy by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov and printing/saving your entire SAR (**it should be five pages long**).

Please save your SAR as a PDF. We cannot accept web pages, html, or jpeg documents.

File Size Limit: 4 MB

11. Certification

The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) has sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's guidelines. This application becomes property of TPI and the donor.

Once your application is submitted, you may view your application at any time by returning to your online account, but you cannot make any changes to it.

I acknowledge all decisions are made by TPI. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information.

Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted. I give my consent for representatives from TPI to discuss my eligibility and need for scholarship assistance with financial aid counselors at my colleges of choice as well as with the donor. I also agree that TPI may provide a copy of my full application to the donor.

Applicant's Electronic Signature*

Please type your full name.

Character Limit: 50

Today's Date*

Character Limit: 10

Parent's or Guardian's Electronic Signature

If the applicant is under age 18, please enter your full name.

Character Limit: 50

Today's Date

Character Limit: 10

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9. Mentor Recommendation

Reference Email Address*

Please enter the email address of your reference below, then click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email asking them to be a reference. They will receive a second email from this system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions. Please inform your reference to check their spam folder as well. Below are generic instructions for you to copy and paste into your email if you'd like to use them. If your recommender does not receive the email, they can send the letter of recommendation to Yawkey@tpi.org.

*Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for me for the Yawkey Scholars Program. You'll be receiving another email from "administrator@grantinterface.com" which will include a link. This link will provide instructions on how to upload your recommendation to my application. The application due date is **Friday, February 15, 2019 at noon.***

Character Limit: 254

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for an applicant to the Yawkey Scholars Program. The Yawkey Scholars Program supports low-income students with financial need from Massachusetts who plan to attend a private college in Massachusetts. Students selected to receive the scholarship are typically high achieving students who have demonstrated resilience, have high expectations for themselves and what they can accomplish, have the potential to succeed in college and to become successful, caring adults.

Scholars receive a four year, renewable tuition scholarship, one-on-one support from a Yawkey Scholar advisor, and flexible financial supports.

The applicant will not be able to read the recommendation so please provide honest feedback. Once the letter is complete, click upload here and attach your recommendation. Thank you for your time.

Your Full Name*

Character Limit: 50

Title*

Character Limit: 50

Affiliation*

Character Limit: 100

Relationship to Applicant*

Character Limit: 100

How long have you known the applicant?*

Character Limit: 25

How often do you meet with the applicant?*

Character Limit: 50

Attach Letter of Recommendation*

Please upload a copy of your letter of recommendation.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

8. Teacher/Guidance Counselor Recommendation

Reference Email Address*

Please enter the email address of your reference below, then click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email asking them to be a reference. They will receive a second email from this system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions. Please inform your reference to check their spam folder as well. Below are generic instructions for you to copy and paste into your email if you'd like to use them. If your recommender does not receive the email, they can send the form and optional letter of recommendation to Yawkey@tpi.org. The form can be found here:

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 **Attach Recommendation Form***

Please upload a copy of your recommendation form.

File Size Limit: 2 MB



If you would like, you may also upload a letter of recommendation in support of the applicant.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

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