



The scholarship where character counts

## Directions

If you cannot complete the application online you may complete the application by typing or handwriting the information requested. Mail it to:

Mainly Character  
Post Office Box 11131  
Portland, Maine 04103

## Eligibility:

You are eligible for the Mainly Character scholarship if:

1. You live in Maine.
2. You are graduating from high school in the year that you apply for the scholarship.
3. Your high school is located in Maine. We do not accept applications from students attending high school out of state.
4. You will be going on to an accredited post-secondary institution after graduation from high school. If you are considering a "gap year" between high school and post-secondary education, you must apply during your senior year of high school, and you must have already committed to a post-secondary institution.

If you do not meet all the eligibility criteria, your application will not be accepted.

## PART ONE: Personal Information

Complete the information requested on the form.

## PART TWO: References

Provide contact information for three references who know you well enough to attest to your character, especially the information you provide in your Character Statement. We do not recommend choosing relatives as references unless there are extenuating circumstances. Do NOT provide written references with your application.

## PART THREE: Character Statement

Mainly Character Scholarships are awarded to individuals who demonstrate these four core principles of exemplary character:

**Concern:** Communicating compassion and a caring attitude toward others.

**Responsibility:** Demonstrating commitment and conviction through your actions.

**Integrity:** Acting ethically and remaining true to your personal values.

**Courage:** Taking risks and following your conscience with fearlessness.

The Character Statement is your opportunity to tell us about YOUR character in YOUR own words. In your statement, please include stories/specific examples from YOUR life that you believe accurately illustrate YOUR character. Aim to convey how YOUR character has been shaped and challenged by experiences and events. What you choose to write here will be all that we will know about you; please be detailed.

The structure of the Character Statement includes six prompts. Please respond to the prompts in 6 numbered sections of *up to 150 words* each. Number your responses in order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) so we can associate them with the prompts.

If you would prefer to write a narrative essay, please identify the prompt responses within the essay (i.e. [#1] directly after the appropriate section).

1. Explain why you should be considered for a scholarship based on character. (*Up to 150 words*)
  
2. **Concern:** Provide examples of how you showed compassion and caring for others, helping others to achieve their best. (*Up to 150 words*)
  
3. **Responsibility:** Share examples of commitment and conviction when you acted to take responsibility for a problem, issue or situation. (*Up to 150 words*)
  
4. **Integrity:** When has your integrity been challenged? Share a situation or situations when you showed personal integrity by acting ethically or remaining true to your values despite adverse circumstances such as pressure, threats, or danger. (*Up to 150 words*)
  
5. **Courage:** When have you needed to call on courage? Share an instance or instances where you showed personal courage by facing and overcoming obstacles, fear, or danger. (*Up to 150 words*)
  
6. What else should the committee understand about you that makes you a person of character? Use this section to add an example, a story, or information that further clarifies or illustrates your character. Consider your passions, values, or key influences on your life. If you provide a link to a website as part of your application, please also explain how this relates to your character.