



Dear Student:

The enclosed scholarship application for the 2025-26 school year must be completed and submitted **no later than May 1, 2025**, in order for it to be considered by the Scholarship Committee. You will be notified of the decision on your application in early July.

In addition to your application form [you are required to submit the following documents by May 1:](#)

- [High School or College Transcript](#). If you are a high school senior, submit your 7-semester high school transcript. If you are now in college, submit your most recent college transcript.

**PLEASE CONTACT US TO VERIFY WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR TRANSCRIPT.**

- [Student Aid Index \(SAI\)](#). We require a copy of a page showing what your SAI is from FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The SAI is a calculated amount that FAFSA provides. This amount can be obtained from the FAFSA Submission Summary which you receive after you complete the FAFSA application.

The Mellinger Foundation highly recommends any eligible student living in Warren County or Galesburg School District #205, and planning to go to Carl Sandburg College, to apply for the Sampson Promise or Galesburg Promise as soon as possible.

For information on applying for the Sampson Promise (Warren County residents) please refer to [www.sandburg.edu/sampsonpromise](http://www.sandburg.edu/sampsonpromise).

For information on applying for the Galesburg Promise (Galesburg residents that live in School District #205) please refer to [www.sandburg.edu/galesburgpromise](http://www.sandburg.edu/galesburgpromise).

Each year the Mellinger Foundation receives more applications than it has funds, so it is inevitable that a considerable number of applicants will not receive awards. Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee which makes its decisions based on several criteria. Two important criteria are financial need and academic achievement. For awarded applicants, the scholarship amount will depend upon the type of institution you attend (public, private, junior, etc.).

**Remember, your completed application and two documents listed above must be in our office by May 1.** Any changes should be reported to us immediately, including the status of pending scholarships and loans. If you have any questions, please contact us or refer to the FAQs on our website.

Mellinger Foundation  
[info@mellinger.org](mailto:info@mellinger.org)

## Scholarship Application for 2025-26

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Single and living at home \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Independent

County \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name and address \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's** High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school you plan to attend the 2025-26 school year (one school only - if this changes, please notify us immediately):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check the class you will be in for the 2025-26 school year: \_\_\_\_\_ FR \_\_\_\_\_ SO \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time If part time, indicate the number of hours attending \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate length of program \_\_\_\_\_ Major and/or career goal \_\_\_\_\_

List all colleges you have attended to date of application: Dates Attended Degrees

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Have you applied to this foundation for financial aid in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

## AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Applicant's Estimated Contribution	\$ _____
Parents/Guardians Estimated Contribution	\$ _____
Work Study	\$ _____
Tuition Remission - A benefit provided by some institutions for employee's family members.	\$ _____
Galesburg Promise – Galesburg residents District #205 (see cover letter).	\$ _____
Sampson Promise – Warren County students only (see cover letter).	\$ _____

### SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS APPLIED FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

		PENDING	CONFIRMED	DENIED
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____

### LOANS APPLIED FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

		PENDING	CONFIRMED	DENIED
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____

## SCHOOL EXPENSES FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

Tuition and Fees	\$ _____
Room and Board	\$ _____
Books and Materials	\$ _____
Travel Expenses	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**APPLICANT** – list all assets and value (for example savings, car, trust fund, investments, home, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT** – list any debt and to whom it is owed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant's Information

**Applicant** - if you file your own income tax return, complete the following information:

Your occupation and employer \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's occupation and employer \_\_\_\_\_

Adjusted gross income for 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of exemptions \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent children (if any):	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School to Attend this Fall</u>
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PARENTS/GUARDIANS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY ALL APPLICANTS UNLESS THEY ARE MARRIED OR LIVING INDEPENDENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN. IF YOUR PARENTS ARE DIVORCED, WE NEED THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FROM THE PARENT YOU LIVE WITH.

## Parents/Guardians Information

### Wage/Salary Earner #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. annual income for **2025** \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

### Wage/Salary Earner #2

Name\_\_\_\_\_Relationship to applicant\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. annual income for **2025** \_\_\_\_\_

Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

Adjusted Gross Income for 2024

Dependent children for 2025-26 school year (please include applicant):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School to Attend this Fall</u>
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Please include any additional information or extenuating circumstances you would like the Scholarship Committee to know on page 4.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

**TRANSCRIPT** – if you are a high school senior, submit your 7-semester high school transcript by May 1st. If you are currently in college, submit your most recent college transcript by May 1st.

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Please include any information or extenuating circumstances you would like the Scholarship Committee to know here. This can include, but not limited to, information such as work experience, extracurricular activities, and honors or awards. (If not enough room here, please continue on the back of this sheet or another sheet)

### REMEMBER:

- Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If your school choice changes, please notify us immediately.
- Submit your SAI and transcript.
- Please update us of any Scholarships or Loans pending.
- If you have any questions please call 309-734-2419, email [info@mellinger.org](mailto:info@mellinger.org), or refer to FAQs on our website.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **IMPORTANT!**

Occasionally, the Mellinger Foundation is approached by other organizations to select a scholarship recipient. If you would like to be considered for one of these scholarships, please sign this authorization statement here:

I give the Edward Arthur Mellinger Educational Foundation, Inc. permission to share with other organizations my name, address, phone number and the name of the school I plan to attend, for consideration of scholarships other than the Edward Arthur Mellinger Educational Foundation, Inc. scholarship. No other personal or financial information will be shared.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_