



ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION
FORT WAYNE

FORT WAYNE U of M ALUMNI CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Background

The University of Michigan Alumni Club of Fort Wayne (“The Club”), an arm of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, serves Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana, as further detailed on our Club homepage at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UMClubFortWayne>. The Club plans social, cultural, service, and philanthropic events for area alumni, friends, students, and prospective students of the University of Michigan.

Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize the achievements of incoming University of Michigan undergraduate students from Fort Wayne and the surrounding club service area, and to allow area alumni and friends to help local students with financial need to attend the University of Michigan.

Scholarship program details

For the upcoming academic year 2025-2026, The Club is offering annually renewable need-based scholarships to incoming and current students. The scholarship awards will be paid in semiannual installments in the Fall and Winter semesters of each academic year and are renewable based on ongoing academic performance and good standing of the recipient. The Club’s Board of Directors determines the dollar amount of each scholarship, which is variable from student to student, based on need and availability of funds, but is otherwise fixed for each student.

Selection Criteria

Club Scholarships are open to undergraduate students who (1) have applied for financial aid for the upcoming academic year by completing both the FAFSA and the CSS profile and (2) have at least some level of financial need, as determined by the Office of Financial Aid at the University of Michigan. **In order to be eligible for a Club Scholarship, an applicant must provide a copy of their Award Notice from the university for any and all additional scholarships, grants, and loans they may have been awarded by the university. The Office of Financial Aid’s determination of need, as based on the cumulative sources of aid outlined above, is a critical component in the scholarship determination process, and a student’s application will not be considered without this information.**

Once all eligible applicants have submitted their required materials, Club Scholarship recipients will be selected based on a combination of criteria, including academic performance, involvement

in extracurricular activities, and contributions to the community. The Scholarship Committee may also consider how meaningful the scholarship would be to the applicant. All decisions regarding scholarship recipients, award amounts, and annual renewal of awards will be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors of The Club.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Incoming first-year students must anticipate receiving a diploma from an accredited high school with The Club's service region comprising Fort Wayne, Allen County, and the immediate surrounding areas of Northeast Indiana.
2. Scholarship candidates' primary residence must be within The Club's service region for at least one year prior to the upcoming academic year.
3. Scholarship candidates must have (a) applied for financial aid through the University of Michigan and (b) demonstrated some degree of financial need. To determine financial need status, applicants may email the Office of Financial Aid at financial.aid@umich.edu (734.763.6600). **The Club is not involved in determining the level of financial need.**

Distribution Procedures and Requirements

Funds are distributed by the University of Michigan on behalf of the U of M Club of Fort Wayne.* The award is distributed in two equal installments, during the Fall and Winter semesters, provided that the recipient meets the following requirements at the time of distribution:

1. Enrollment as a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Michigan (at the Ann Arbor, Dearborn or Flint campus).
2. Proof of Indiana as the recipient's official state of residency. If the recipient moves out of the state of Indiana prior to the start of either semester of any academic year, the Club reserves the right to rescind part or all of the remaining scholarship award.
3. Evidence of continuing financial need. Given that the scholarship is need-based, the annual amount of the scholarship awarded may be adjusted if the level of need changes significantly. Therefore, the scholarship winner must provide updated financial information each year to the University of Michigan Office of Financial Aid to verify the level of need.
4. Maintenance of academic performance and good standing at the university. Scholarship recipients must maintain the minimum grade point average required to continue their undergraduate career at the University of Michigan. Academic probation or disciplinary action taken by the university constitutes grounds upon which The Club may rescind part of all of a recipient's remaining scholarship award.

*Note: Scholarship status, including initial approval, ongoing eligibility, and the distribution of funds, is based on the rules and regulations of the University of Michigan's Office of Financial Aid.

Application Requirements

1. The attached application must be completed in full and submitted to The Club's scholarship committee by April 1st.*
2. The applicant and legal guardian must sign and return the attached Acknowledgement, Authorization, and Waiver.”
3. Selected applicants must submit to an in-person or virtual interview with The Club's scholarship committee.
4. Applicants must give permission to have their essay answers and photo published on the Club website and Facebook page, should they be awarded a Club Scholarship.

*Note: The application requires the signature of a parent or legal guardian (see ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND WAIVER page), by which they attest to their understanding and acceptance of the rules and regulations pertaining to the requirements for initial and ongoing eligibility to receive scholarship funds, and to the accuracy and completeness of the submitted application.

Declaration of No Preference/Nondiscrimination Policy

The Club hereby declares that no preference is given to “legacy” students (students whose parents or other family members attended the University of Michigan), or to applicants who are related to or known by members of the Alumni Association or members of the U of M Club of Fort Wayne. Scholarship applications will be evaluated in accordance with the University of Michigan's nondiscrimination policy, which states:

“The University of Michigan is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all persons regardless of race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status in employment, educational programs and activities, and admissions.”

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Total Points: 100, weighted as shown. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. (Resume – 35 pts) Submit a resume (one page maximum) that highlights your qualifications for this scholarship. Your resume should include the following sections:

- Current contact information (full name, address, cell phone, email address, etc.)
- ACT/PSAT/SAT/NMSQT test scores (required where applicable)
- Education
 - High school, Class Rank (if available), and Current GPA (indicate scale if not 4.0)
 - Senior year class schedule
 - Academic awards (if applicable)
 - Provide a teacher or guidance counselor recommendation letter on why you should be considered for this scholarship.
- Extracurricular Activities
 - Include dates, awards, and key accomplishments if applicable.
- Work/Volunteer/Community/Internship Experience
 - Include company/organization names, locations, and dates.
 - Specify your title/role.
- U of M School/College
- Any other financial aid that the University of Michigan have awarded you

2. (Thank-you note – 35 pts.) Imagine you're the scholarship winner and the Club has asked you to write a "thank you" note to the alumni whose donations funded your scholarship. What would you write? One goal of your brief (2-3 paragraphs) note should be to illustrate how the scholarship fund helps actual students pursue their educational / career / life goals. As such, you might choose to touch on your summer employment or post-graduation plans. Your note will be judged on how well it helps alumni connect with your personal story and feel good about their past / future support of the scholarship fund. **If you are selected as a recipient, the Club may use your note to announce your selection and to promote the scholarship program.**

3. (Photo essay– 30 pts.) It is said a picture is worth a thousand words. Please submit 1-3 digital photographs that tell the scholarship committee more about you. For each picture, write a brief (75-150 word) explanation of what you want the committee to know about the photo. You might include a photo that captures you enjoying a favorite activity, a team / family photo, or a photo of something you've created. There is no requirement that the photograph(s) be of you, however. The purpose of the photo essay is to provide a creative opportunity to elaborate on your qualifications for this scholarship. You could also choose to highlight other information you believe would be helpful to the Board in understanding you better and evaluating your application – for example, your reason for choosing Michigan or what you hope to accomplish as a Michigan student. **If you're selected as a recipient, the Club may use your photographs to announce your selection and to promote the scholarship program.**

4. (-0- points) Financial condition summary (see separate attachment) – please complete and return with application.

Submission checklist

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ALL MATERIALS IS APRIL 8TH

- ☐ Submit your photographs in JPEG or similar digital format using the following naming convention: First Name + Last Name + Photo # (e.g. "Jane Doe Photo 1.jpg").
- ☐ Number your photo captions to match the Photo #.
- ☐ Submit your resume, essay answers and photo captions in either Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat PDF format.
- ☐ Email all electronic documents, including the attached "Acknowledgement, Authorization, and Waiver" and "Financial Condition Summary," which you can fill in directly, and send to Tamaralombard66@gmail.com with "Application from [Your Name]" in the subject line.
- ☐ Email a copy of the Financial Aid Award Notice to Tamaralombard66@gmail.com as soon as it is made available to you.

Recipient (s) of the Club Scholarship will be notified by late April and will be recognized at our summer club event.

One of the requirements to maintain The Club's scholarship award is to make reasonable efforts to attend club events (e.g scholarship banquet and student picnic) when not at school, to periodically send letters or make calls to thank donors for their financial support, and to provide an update on how you are doing by notifying the Club with updates on your academic and extracurricular activities.

Remaining applicants who do not receive a Club Scholarship will be eligible for an honorarium, to be paid during their freshman year. Recipient(s) of an honorarium will be announced at our summer club event. You will need to be present at the event to receive the honorarium.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND WAIVER

I certify that for at least one year immediately prior to my anticipated date of enrollment at the University of Michigan, I lived at the following address in Fort Wayne, Allen County, or other Club service area †. I further certify that I anticipate receiving a diploma from the following high school in Fort Wayne, Allen County, or other Club service area.

Address:

City / State / ZIP:

High School:

I attest that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. In the event I am selected as the recipient, I authorize the scholarship committee to verify the information I have provided, including academic credentials and employment history. I understand that falsifying information is grounds for revocation of my scholarship.

I acknowledge that my eligibility for receiving funds is contingent upon my continuing status as a full-time student at the University of Michigan, maintaining Indiana as my state of residency, and maintaining academic eligibility and good standing at the university. I understand that the Club Scholarship is renewable for a total of four consecutive years, although I may apply for other scholarships for which I am eligible.

I authorize the Club to use my name, photograph, and essay answers to publicize its scholarship program on The Club's website and Facebook page, in the event I am selected as a scholarship recipient.

Finally, I understand that all decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final, and I waive any right to object to those decisions, or to bring any claim or cause of action against The Club or any of its members as a result of decisions made by the Committee.

Student Name (First,
Middle, Last):

Student signature:
Date:

Parent / Guardian
signature:
Date:

†Please see list of acceptable zip codes for the Fort Wayne Club service area.

FINANCIAL CONDITION SUMMARY
ALL ITEMS DISCLOSED HELD IN HIGHEST CONFIDENCE

Student _____
First Last

Address _____
Number Street City State Zip

Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Student Estimated Net Worth (e.g., savings, investments) _____

Income Expected Per College Year (summer job etc.) _____

Father _____
First Last

Employment _____
Name Service (Years) Title

Mother _____
First Last

Employment _____
Name Service (Years) Title

Combined Income _____ <\$40,000 _____ \$40,000 - \$80,000
_____ \$80,000 - \$150,000 _____ >\$150,000

Parents Estimated Net Worth (e.g., savings, investments, estimated equity in home and/or other investment properties) _____

Income Changes Expected in Future _____

Anticipated Circumstance Impact _____

Acceptable Zip Codes/Cities/Counties for U of M Alumni Club Scholarship

Arcola IN 46704

Churubusco IN 46723

Columbia City IN 46725

Decatur IN 46733

Fort Wayne IN 46801

Fort Wayne IN 46802

Fort Wayne IN 46803

Fort Wayne IN 46804

Fort Wayne IN 46805

Fort Wayne IN 46806

Fort Wayne IN 46807

Fort Wayne IN 46808

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Harlan IN 46743
Hoagland IN 46745
Huntertown IN 46748
Huntington IN 46750
Laotto IN 46763
Leo IN 46765
Markle IN 46770
Monroeville IN 46773
New Haven IN 46774
Ossian IN 46777
Preble IN 46782
Roanoke IN 46783
Saint Joe IN 46785
Spencerville IN 46788
Uniondale IN 46791
Wolf Lake IN 46796
Woodburn IN 46797

Yoder IN 46798

Zanesville IN 46799

Adams County

Allen County

De Kalb County

Huntington County

Noble County

Wells County

Whitley County