

Mattawan Public Education Foundation  
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Freedom Memorial Scholarship  
\$500.00

The Mattawan Business Association voted in 2007 to create a \$500.00 scholarship in memory of fallen soldiers who attended Mattawan Schools. In addition, the scholarship is aimed towards students who are pursuing a business degree since the scholarship was coming from a "Business Association". Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to the service of others through volunteer activities in the community, and demonstrate achievement in the classroom with a 2.5 GPA or greater. The applicant should have financial need for the scholarship.

**Scholarship/Essay Criteria:**

- Interest in business related study.
- Highlight the school-based activities in which you have been involved during your high school years. These may include any athletic, co-curricular or club-based activities.
- Highlight the community service activities in which you have been involved during your high school years. These may include any school, community and church projects or membership in any organization that has the goal of service to benefit other people or groups of people.
- Explain your financial need.
- Please indicate academic grade point (must be at least 2.5).

**How to Apply:**

Create your application packet using the four-step format below. No handwritten applications will be accepted. Submit four copies of all pages of your application, blacking out your name everywhere it appears on reference forms and letters. Your application will not be accepted without all four copies (the high school office cannot make copies).

**Application Format** (Complete all four steps and then make four copies of the application packet):

1. Cover Sheet
  - Type the **Name of the Scholarship** for which you are applying
  - Type the **Last four digits of your Social Security Number** (NO NAME please as a blind process is used. Attach a sticky note with your name to the finished scholarship application so that the high school office secretary can log in your scholarship application.)
  - Type your **Date of Birth**
  - Type the **College or University you plan to attend**
  - Type your **Major or Course of Study**

- Copy the **Scholarship/Essay Criteria** exactly as listed above

2. Essay

On a separate sheet, type your essay according to the specific scholarship criteria listed on your cover sheet.

- Use 12 pt. font
- Double space
- Two page maximum
- Be sure to include the last four digits of your social security number in upper right hand corner of each page.
- A title for your essay should be centered at the top of the first page.

3. Letters of Recommendation

- Enclose two character references from someone outside your family, such as a group leader, advisor, coach, pastor, employer, etc. Please include their address and phone number on each letter. Do not include more than one reference from a teacher. Teachers should use the MPEF recommendation form provided on the school website.

4. Submit Four Copies of your Application Packet

- Make four copies of your application packet and submit them to the high school office.
- Make sure to black out your name everywhere it appears on reference forms and letters.
- Your application packet will not be accepted without all four copies. The high school office cannot make copies.