



APEX SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY 2026

Educating Minorities About Transplants, Incorporated is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to eligible students aged 18-50 who meet the general application criteria.

Additionally, two \$500 scholarships are available for students who fulfill the general criteria along with additional specific requirements outlined separately.

All applicants will be considered for the \$1,000 scholarships, while those who meet the additional qualifications will also be eligible for the \$500 scholarships. Please review the detailed criteria for each award before submitting your application.

General Application Criteria:

- 1. Current Florida Resident Graduating Senior High School Student or returning student aged 18-50 with at least 2.5 GPA**
- 2. Must be a member of the transplant community with at least a 2.5 GPA, i.e.:**
 - Organ, eye, or tissue transplant recipient (post-transplant)**
 - Living donor**
 - Caregiver**
 - Donor family member (parent, child, spouse, or other immediate family member within household of donor)**
 - Transplant family member (parent, child, spouse, or other immediate family member within household of transplant recipient)**
- 3. Transcript(s)**
- 4. Letter of College Acceptance or Current College Schedule**
- 5. Indication of Financial Need via the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
- 6. Typewritten, 500-word personal essay about the importance of organ donation, organ transplantation, and the impact this has on your life. In your essay discuss your goals, field of study and your reason(s) for seeking this scholarship. Be sure to include any extenuating circumstances which might contribute to your financial need and forward with this application.**
- 7. Must be a registered Organ, Eye, or Tissue Donor (documentation required)**

The \$500 Shauncey S. Burwell Legacy Scholarship

Application Criteria:

- Applicant has a Kidney or Lupus related connection either directly or by way of an immediate family member
- Applicant is a female

The \$500 Carole J. Webster Scholarship

Application Criteria:

- Applicant has a Kidney connection either directly or by way of an immediate family member

EMAIL Packet to:

EMAT.INC185@gmail.com by April 15, 2026 @11:59 p.m. or mail to

EMAT Scholarship Committee
2946 Palmdale Street
Jacksonville, FL 32208

postmarked by the same date. Submission of this scholarship application indicates a media release for EMAT on the award-winners. Please note, while former awardees may apply, preference will be given to first-time awardees. Awards will be presented in-person on Saturday, May 2, 2026, in Jacksonville, Florida.

**EDUCATING MINORITIES ABOUT TRANSPLANTS, INCORPORATED
2026 APEX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Student Information

Full Name _____
Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

High School _____ GPA _____

College or University _____ GPA _____

PELL Grant Eligible (Please Check) _____

Yes _____ No _____

Family Information

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Please share your connection to the transplant community.

Activities

School _____

Community _____

Awards/Recognitions: _____

Work Experience: _____

ESSAY (500-word essay must be a typewritten, double-spaced document and include your name in upper right-hand corner)

Type written, 500-word personal essay about the importance of organ donation/organ transplantation, and the impact this has on your life. In your essay discuss your goals, field of study and your reason(s) for seeking this scholarship. Be sure to include any extenuating circumstances which might contribute to your financial need and forward with this application.

REFERENCES

- Please submit a letter stating your active involvement or community service with a transplant/organ, eye or tissue donation organization for a minimum of 6 hrs. or 2-3 events (submitted on the organization's letterhead). In addition to your letter, provide evidence of your attendance at the events using photos or videos.
- 2 reference letters from the options below:
 - () School counselor
 - () Teacher
 - () College dean
 - () College professor
 - () Community leader (non-relative)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

To be considered, your submission packet must include all the information requested in this application packet. **PLEASE DO NOT FORWARD INCOMPLETE INFORMATION.**

Deadline and Recipient Notification

Application must be received by email or U. S. Mail no later than Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @11:59 p.m.

No application will be reviewed by The APEX Scholarship Fund Committee for consideration after this date and time.

Acknowledgement: I certify that all information given in this document is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. ***If selected, I understand that proof of being an organ donor and a photo release is required. ***

Signature

Date

