

The Gerber Foundation Merit Scholarship

Who May Apply. High school seniors who meet the GPA requirement and are graduating from select high schools in Newaygo, Muskegon, or Oceana Counties as listed:

1. Newaygo: Fremont, Grant, Hesperia, Newaygo, White Cloud, or home school students
2. Muskegon: Holton, Muskegon, Ravenna
3. Oceana: Hart, Pentwater, Shelby, Walkerville
 - **GPA requirement: GPA of 2.0 - 3.70** (use higher of weighted or unweighted).
 - Students must be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary program in the US leading to a baccalaureate or associate degree, or a vocational or technical training program leading to a certificate.
 - **NOT eligible:** Students planning to attend one of the federal military or maritime academies and foreign exchange students are not eligible to apply.

Value. \$2,800 for post-secondary education. The scholarship may be used for **required** tuition, books, course fees, tools, or equipment.

Application Submission Deadline. February 28 of each year at 4 p.m. ET.

Online registration and login. Once registered students will be able to keep track of their information for the entire scholarship process from application to award in the online account.

- Go to <https://gerberfoundation.smartsimple.com> to register and log in.
- Register using the Scholarship Registration button on the lower left of the Login Page.
 1. In the Organization Name box on the registration page, type and select:
 - Name of your high school, (for example: Fremont High School or Newaygo High School, etc.) or
 - Home School, for home-schooled students living in Newaygo County
 2. Complete the remaining student personal information. Use a non-school email you monitor regularly.
- After you submit your registration information the system will email a temporary password to login to the application for the first time.

Application. Student educational information, a student personal statement (consisting of 4 short answer questions), one letter of recommendation, and a counselor grade report are required for each application. Start your application early since your application requires uploads from a recommender and counselor. If they don't complete those uploads before the deadline the application can be disqualified. Students should monitor the status of the uploads in the online application system.

Selection. Selection is made based on the student's academic achievements and evaluation of both the student's personal statement responses and letter of recommendation.

Payment. To receive payment, recipients must submit a copy of their acceptance letter to the college/university or training program they will be attending, their financial aid letter or offer, and a signed agreement letter provided by the Gerber Foundation. The Foundation makes scholarship payments directly to the college/university or program in coordination with student payment distribution requests.

Recipient Responsibilities.

- Enroll full time in the fall of the year in which the scholarship was awarded.
- Continue in school for the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency, or military service.
- Report any changes in status to the Gerber Foundation immediately.
- Use the award for the intended purpose.
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or equivalent (C).
- Submit grade reports or transcripts at the end of each academic semester or year as requested along with renewal information.

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