



# Money Smart - Fox Cities

## 2024 Scholarship Application

Deadline: March 11, 2024

In support of **Money Smart Week (April 14-20, 2024)**, the Money Smart - Fox Cities Committee and its partner organizations are sponsoring the Money Smart Week 2024 Scholarship Contest. Graduating high school seniors are encouraged to answer this year's question (see below) with an essay of 500 words or less. This year's Scholarship winner will receive \$2,000 towards school expenses at an accredited post secondary educational institution.

In 2023, student load debt exceeded \$1.7 trillion. Student loan debt for a student who graduated with a bachelor's degree in Wisconsin averaged \$47,144.

### THE 2024 ESSAY QUESTION IS:

- What are your education and career goals?
- Estimate and outline the total cost of your education (room, board, tuition, textbooks, supplies, living expenses, etc.) and explain how you plan to pay for it.
- Realizing that you will likely have some degree of debt when you graduate, how do you plan on repaying your debts?
- From a financial standpoint, what impact would this scholarship have on your freshman year?

Source: educationdata.org

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### GUIDELINES

#### Applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior who is continuing their education at an accredited two or four-year post-secondary university or technical/vocational school, within one year of judging notification.
- Have knowledge of money management skills (decision-making related to spending and saving, investing, use of credit, etc.) appropriate for their age and grade level.
- Live in Calumet, Outagamie or Winnebago county.
- Award recipient only will be contacted by email the week of April 15, 2024.

#### To Apply:

- Students must write an essay of 500 words or less on the assigned topic.
- Essays must be typed on plain white paper, double-spaced. The Money Smart Scholarship application must be included with the essay; no staples please.
- The essay must be the original work of the student submitting the essay.
- The application form **must be signed** by the student and a parent/guardian.
- The essay and application should be dropped off, mailed, emailed as a PDF, or scanned attachment to:

#### Money Smart - Fox Cities Scholarship

**Attn: Katie Gellings**  
**Extension Outagamie County**  
**3365 W. Brewster St.**  
**Appleton, WI 54914**  
**Email: [katie.gellings@wisc.edu](mailto:katie.gellings@wisc.edu)**

All essays become the property of the Money Smart Week-Fox Cities Committee and may be used by members to promote financial literacy.

**All submissions must be *received* by Monday, March 11, 2024.**

Go to <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/human-development-and-relationships/family-finances/> to download the application.

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - *(Please print when completing information below)*

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY YOU RESIDE IN: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL (WILL BE USED TO CONTACT WINNER): \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN FALL 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU APPLIED TO THIS COLLEGE?: Yes  No  HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?: Yes  No

ARE YOU A FIRST GENERATION STUDENT?: Yes  No

I, \_\_\_\_\_, vouch that the attached essay is  
(PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME - *please print*)

fully and solely the work of my child, \_\_\_\_\_  
(STUDENT NAME - *please print*)

And I give permission for him/her to participate in the activities of Money Smart Week 2024, including consent to release photos and personal information for the media and promotional purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STUDENT SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

Fill out this form, including all information requested, then sign the form as indicated, attach it to the front of your essay and drop off, mail, or email all using the contact information on the front of this form.

Learn more about Money Smart Week events at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/human-development-and-relationships/family-finances/> or [www.moneysmartweek.org](http://www.moneysmartweek.org).