



## MACKINAW POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Mackinaw Police Department Scholarship Qualification, Requirements

Students applying for the Mackinaw Police Department Scholarship must meet the following qualifications and requirements. Students **must** complete the application in its entirety to be eligible to receive funding. Applications **must** be postmarked by **March 6, 2026**, to be eligible. Awards will be presented at the annual scholarship award ceremony at the Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School. Award recipients will be photographed, and their photos will be posted on the Mackinaw Police Department Facebook page. Checks will be mailed to the college or university that the award winners will be attending and applied towards education expenses.

Applications submitted will be evaluated by employees of the Mackinaw Police Department and the Village of Mackinaw Board of Trustees. Applicants will be evaluated on the ability to follow directions, accurate completion of the application, the student's involvement in extracurricular activities, community-based volunteering, demonstration of leadership, and written essay. The largest weight coming from the content of the essay. Mackinaw Police Department reserves the right to determine award amounts and how many scholarships will be awarded based on available funding. If scholarship awards are not claimed in the matter explained to the recipients by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the first semester of college, that award will be considered cancelled.

### Qualifications

- Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School graduating senior
- Possess a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Having maintained a clean driving record
- Never having been convicted as a juvenile or adult for any misdemeanor or felony
- Participation in at least one school sponsored extracurricular activity each year, freshman through senior year
- Planning on attending a college or university beginning in fall semester following graduation

## Requirements

- Complete the application and postmark by the deadline of March 6, 2026
- Turn in current Deer Creek-Mackinaw High School transcript dated within 60 days of application
- One letter of recommendation from a non-family member
- Proof of extracurricular participation with sponsor's signature
- Complete 300–500-word essay as listed on application

*What challenges does law enforcement face in a small community that may not be faced by law enforcement serving larger populations. How effective is community policing in promoting trust and reducing crime rates? What actions can law enforcement take to prevent crime amongst the younger population of the communities they serve?*

Applications can be found at:

[www.mackinawil.gov](http://www.mackinawil.gov)

## Instructions

**Applications are due March 6, 2026, by 8:00 a.m.**

1. Complete the application online by filling out the application available at [www.mackinawil.gov](http://www.mackinawil.gov). Applicants must use Microsoft Word to complete the application.
2. Print the application, sign, and date the last page.
3. Be sure to include all supporting documents **in proper order** as listed in the application.
4. Make sure that every page has your name typed or printed in the upper right-hand corner.
5. Staple the application in the upper left-hand corner or use a binder clip.
6. **Do not** fold the application. Mail the application in an envelope to accommodate the size without folding, **or** hand deliver the application to the Mackinaw Police Department or Village of Mackinaw office. *Exception will be any school transcripts submitted in sealed envelopes from the school.*
7. Be sure to address all applications to:

Mackinaw Police Department  
Attn: Scholarship Application  
PO Box 500  
102 E Fast Ave  
Mackinaw, IL 61755

*\*Family members of the Mackinaw Police Department or any Village representative on this committee are ineligible to apply*