

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2026-2027**

The Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship was established in 2007 by the nonprofit community organizations that knew and experienced Msgr. McGowan's unselfish support of his community. Monsignor McGowan believed in God, family, and community. In his memory, the Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship is awarded annually to students pursuing education at one of the regional academic institutions to which Monsignor devoted his time and service.

The Msgr. McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship Committee encourages students to live and practice their chosen profession within Northeastern Pennsylvania so as to make a lasting contribution for the improvement of their home community in much the same spirit as Monsignor McGowan. Please see attached biographical information.

1. Recipient must have their legal residence within the nine (9) county territory of Northeastern Pennsylvania.
  - Bradford
  - Columbia
  - Lackawanna
  - Luzerne
  - Pike
  - Sullivan
  - Susquehanna
  - Wayne
  - Wyoming
2. Recipient must attend one of the following educational institutions.
  - Keystone College
  - King's College
  - Marywood University
  - Misericordia University
  - Mount St. Mary's University
  - University of Scranton
  - dePaul School in Northeastern Pennsylvania
3. Recipient must be a full-time incoming or current undergraduate student fully committed to attending one of the above-listed schools.
4. Recipient must have a long-term commitment to serving others in their community.
5. Recipient must have shown successful leadership experience.
6. Recipient must have proven moral and high ethical character.
7. Recipient must be a hard-working student, producing to the best of their academic ability.
8. Recipient must show demonstrated financial need.

## APPLICATION 2026-2027

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

County of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male: \_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FAMILY INFORMATION** *(Provide the following information where applicable.)*

Name of father/stepfather/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mother/stepmother/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION**

Year in college during the coming academic year as a full-time student: Fr ( ) So ( ) Jr ( ) Sr ( )



Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

## REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

In addition to the application form, your application packet should contain:

1. An official transcript from your present or most recently attended school.
2. A personal statement in 300–500 words, (typed in 12-pitch, double-spaced with 1-inch margins) addressing: “How I can contribute to my Northeastern Pennsylvania community in the spirit of Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan.”
3. Two letters of recommendation from non-family members: one from a current educator and one letter of character reference from someone who can attest to the applicant’s moral and ethical character.
4. Student must have a 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with the Office of Financial Aid at King's College.

*I understand that information contained in my application may be shared with the scholarship advisory committee and/or scholarship sponsor. I acknowledge that all materials submitted in this application become the property of the institution and will not be returned to sender. Further, I hereby give (name of school) \_\_\_\_\_ permission to provide The Luzerne Foundation, as the McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship sponsor, with my pertinent contact information and documentation as may be used to publicize the award.*

Applicant’s signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Application Deadline is **September 25, 2026.**

**Return form to:**

**Barbara Schmitt  
Office of Financial Aid  
133 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18411**

**Form can be emailed to:  
finaid@kings.edu**

**Note:** The McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship is a one-year, nonrenewable award. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to receive funding.