

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2024-2025**

The Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship was established in 2007 by the non-profit 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. The Recipient must attend one of the following educational institutions.
  - Allied Services dePaul School For Children With Dyslexia
  - Keystone College
  - Kings College
  - Marywood University
  - Misericordia University
  - Mount Saint Mary's College
  - University of Scranton
3. The Recipient must be a full-time incoming or current undergraduate student fully committed to attending King's College.
4. The Recipient must have a long-term commitment to serving others in his/her community.
5. The Recipient must have shown successful leadership experience.
6. The Recipient must have a proven moral and high ethical character.
7. The Recipient must be a hard-working student, producing to the best of his/her academic ability.
8. The Recipient must show a demonstrated financial need.

## APPLICATION 2024-2025

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

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

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

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

Home Ph#: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Home Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Home Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 your name.)

**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Please list extracurricular, athletic, community and/or religious activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years.

Activity	# of Years	Leadership Positions, Awards & Recognition

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Please list your paid work experience during the past four years, beginning with your most recent position.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates of Employment	Hrs/Wk

## 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 size 12 font, double-spaced with 1 inch margins) on “How I can contribute to my Northeastern Pennsylvania community in the spirit of Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan.” Your statement should include information that will help us in knowing you and understanding your eligibility or need (for example: what factors influenced your area of study, how you are financing your education, significant work or volunteer experience, reasons for choosing your professional or future goals - e.g. challenges in your life experience and/or long range plans after graduation).
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. A copy of your confirmation page from the “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA) which clearly states your Student Aid Index (SAI).

*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 institution) \_\_\_\_\_ permission to provide The Luzerne Foundation, as the McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship Sponsor, with the applicant’s pertinent contact information and documentation as may be used to publicize the award.*

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

*Scholarship Application DEADLINE is April 30, 2024.* Return form to:

**Maura Modrovsky  
Office of Financial Aid  
133 N. River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711  
or email to:  
mauramodrovsky@kings.edu**

**Important Note:** The McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship is for one-year and is nonrenewable. 50% of the scholarship will be awarded for the fall semester. The balance of the scholarship will be awarded for the spring semester contingent upon the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

Please contact King’s College at 570.208.5915 with any questions.