

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2023-2024

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.

**MONSIGNOR ANDREW J. MCGOWAN
CORNERSTONE SCHOLARSHIP**



APPLICATION 2023-2024

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 |
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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 |
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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.(Not applicable to current King's College students).
2. A personal statement in 300 – 500words, (typed in 12-pitch, 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 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be on file with the Office of Financial Aid.

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 King's College 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 Friday, November 17, 2023.** Return form to:

**Barbara Schmitt
Office of Financial Aid
133 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
or email to:
barbaraschmitt@kings.edu**

(PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL DOCUMENT IMAGES)

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 570.208.8115 with any questions.