



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

\$2,000 Commonwealth Good Citizen Scholarship For academic year 2025-2026

Who is eligible: All full-time undergraduate students attending Messiah University who have an extraordinary commitment to community service and who have demonstrated creativity in shaping their volunteer activities. You cannot reapply if you have previously been a recipient of the scholarship.

How to apply: Applications are available at the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications must be returned to the Financial Aid Office for submission to AICUP. All application materials must be sent to AICUP by the Financial Aid Office. Applications sent directly from students will be rejected.

Deadline to apply: Application materials must be received by the Financial Aid Office no later than **Monday, May 12, 2025** to be considered.

Who is funding the scholarship: The Commonwealth Good Citizen Scholarship is funded through two endowments managed by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP).

***For more information on this scholarship opportunity, please contact the Financial Aid Office.**



The 2025-2026 Commonwealth Good Citizen Scholarship Application

Student Name:

First

Middle Initial

Last

Permanent Mailing Address*: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Student Phone Number: _____

Student Campus Email Address: _____

Student Alternative Email: _____

*Permanent home address should be a location at which you can receive mail sent to you during summer 2025. Your address, phone number, and email address will be used to notify you of your application status; they will not be used for any other purpose.

Student Academic Information

College or University currently attending: _____

Class Year: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

Major: _____ Minor (if any): _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ GPA in major: _____

Expected date of Graduation: _____
Month/Year

STUDENT APPLICANT: Certification and Authorization

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application and in my scholarship essay is complete and accurate. I authorize the release of information from my college or university to the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP) to confirm the information contained in this application.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Please type full name)

___By initialing here, I also permit AICUP to use my name and institution and a quote from my essay in a news release and other promotional material should I be selected as a recipient of the 2025-2026 Commonwealth Good Citizen Scholarship.

The information below should be completed by the financial aid office at your college or university.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: Confirmation

By my signature below, I confirm that my institution is nominating the above student for consideration of receiving the 2025-2026 Commonwealth Good Citizen Scholarship awarded through the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania.

Name of Financial Aid Officer: _____

Title of Financial Aid Officer: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Please type full name)

Application materials must be received by Financial Aid by Monday May 12, 2025 to be considered.

Commonwealth Good Citizen Scholarship Essay Requirement

Please type a brief essay describing your college experience and focusing upon the answers to the following:

- What are your career/academic goals upon graduation?
- What volunteer/extracurricular activities do you participate in, either on or off campus?
- How do your community service activities relate to your major and what leadership roles have you taken on?
- How will you remain involved in your community upon graduation?

Please limit your essay to two (2) double-spaced pages. You must use 1-inch margins (left, right, top & bottom) in your document. Use a font that is easily readable and a font size of 11 or larger. **Failure to follow these guidelines could mean that you will not be considered for the Commonwealth Good Citizen Scholarship.**

In addition to your application and required essay, you are encouraged to submit a copy of your academic transcript, a letter of recommendation, and any other materials that you feel will be helpful to the scholarship selection committee in making their decision.

Your completed application, essay, signed certification Page, and any supporting materials must be returned to your financial aid office no later than Monday May 12, 2025.