

Preferred Foundation Scholarship 2026 Application

Application Deadline: February 28, 2026

The Preferred Foundation is a corporate giving entity of **Preferred Mutual Insurance Company** located in New Berlin, New York. The Preferred Mutual Foundation Scholarship has been awarded to high school students attending college since 1992. Two college scholarships will be awarded. The candidate receiving the highest rating will receive \$3,000 each year for up to four (4) years. The runner-up will receive \$1,500 each year for up to four (4) years. Selection is based on careful review of the application, required materials documenting academic performance and activities, and a personal interview.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Current high school seniors meeting the following criteria are eligible:

- Planning to attend an accredited college/university in the fall following their high school graduation; *and*
- Reside in NY Counties of Otsego, Delaware or Chenango; *and*
- Have a high school academic standing (GPA) of 95.0 or higher.
or
- Are the children of non-officer Preferred Mutual employee, and have a high school academic standing of 95.0 or higher.

WHAT CAN THE SCHOLARSHIP BE USED FOR?

The scholarship may be used to pay tuition, college room and board, and other college fees. The award recipient must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in a college or university in the United States that holds accredited higher education status. The scholarship is not payable for attendance at service academies, virtual universities or certain institutions limited in their purpose or training. The recipient must be enrolled in a course of study leading to one of the traditional baccalaureate degrees and remain in good academic and disciplinary standing. Disbursement will be made upon receipt of bills due or proof of payment made. Funds will be released to the appropriate party.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

Complete applications can be submitted electronically by saving this form as a PDF under the applicant's name, and emailing to: **corporate.communications@preferredmutual.com**.

A confirmation email will be provided upon receipt of the application. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 3 days, please make sure to resubmit the application by the deadline.

QUESTIONS?

The Preferred Foundation Scholarship is administered by the Preferred Mutual Advisory Committee. Questions about this program should be directed to **800.333.7642 ext. 1301** or emailed to **corporate.communications@preferredmutual.com**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Preferred Mutual Insurance Company offers College Internships. Visit **www.preferredmutual.com** for more information.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Your application will be reviewed for content, completeness, and timeliness. Applications must be received no later than **February 28, 2026. Please leave adequate time for your confirmation email to arrive prior to the deadline.**

The application consists of the five parts below. If needed, you can add additional pages to the application in order to have ample space to answer each question.

- I. Personal Information.
- II. Academic Awards and Transcript. (25 Points)
- III. School Activities. (25 Points)
- IV. Community Service and Employment. (25 points)
- V. Essay Question. (25 points)

Parts II – V will be graded up to a maximum score of 100 points. Top scoring applicants will be invited to interview with the Advisory Committee. Two of these finalists will be selected as scholarship recipients.

PART I: Personal Information

Applicant Full Legal Name:	
Home Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Home Telephone Number:	
Email:	
Date of Birth:	
High School Name:	
Name and Phone Number of High School Guidance Counselor:	
Parent/Guardian(s) Full Legal Name:	
Relationship to Student:	
Name and Address of the College You Anticipate Attending:	

PART II: Academic Awards and Transcript (25 points)

Attach a copy of your high school transcript and summarize information in the table below (list your best score). Transcripts should be scanned and emailed as an attachment with your application.

GPA	ACT Composite Score	SAT Math Score	SAT Verbal Score	SAT Writing Score

List any academic awards or scholarships you have received in recognition of your achievements.

PART III: School Activities (25 points)

List any educational and school-related activities in which you have participated (i.e. drama club, music groups, sports teams, etc.). Please include the participation information requested in the table below.

Educational or School-Related Activity	Years of Participation	Leadership Roles or Honors Received

Please provide the name and telephone number of one reference (advisor or coach) from the abovementioned school-related activities.

PART IV: Community Service and Employment (25 points)

List any activities outside of school in which you have participated within the past calendar year (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025), and the total number of hours per activity. Include activities such as: community service (outside of school sponsored activities), volunteer work, and part-time employment.

Outside of School Activity	Total Hours/ Activity Received	Leadership Roles/Honors

Please provide the name and telephone number of one reference from the abovementioned activities.

PART V: Essay (25 points)

Please complete the following essay question in 750 words or less.

Help us understand and celebrate diversity by sharing the unique story of *you*. Share with us your trials and tribulations, your failures, your successes; those moments up to now that has made you who you are today, and has prepared you for who you'll be tomorrow.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE:

I, the undersigned, certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct (by typing your name in this box it serves as my signature). If I am selected as a finalist, I give my permission for my name and photo to be used for publicity.

Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

For applicants under the age of 18: I, the undersigned, certify that if my child is selected as a finalist, I give my permission for his/her name and photograph to be used for publicity purposes.

Guardian's Signature:		Date:	
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IMPORTANT: APPLICATION DEADLINE

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