

Scholarship Overview

A \$2,500 scholarship award will be given each year to an individual as chosen by the PMI-MN Outreach Committee.

Basic Eligibility

Candidates for the scholarship must meet the following basic requirements:

1. The candidate must be 18 years of age or older.
2. The candidate must have applied for and been accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited degree, certificate program, or continuing education program in the project management field.
3. The candidate must be either a member in good standing of PMI-MN or be sponsored by a member in good standing.
4. If the candidate is not a member of PMI-MN, the person must be a resident of Minnesota, Wisconsin, or North Dakota within a PMI-MN zip code.
5. The candidate must not have been the previous recipient of any PMI-MN scholarships.
6. The candidate must show a demonstrated enthusiasm for and strong interest in the field of project management.

Scholarship Submission Requirements

1. Scholarship application
2. Copy of school transcript (if classes taken within the last 5 years) or CV
3. PMI-MN member sponsor letter (if applicant is not a current PMI-MN member)
4. Letters of recommendation (maximum of 3, not including sponsor letter)
5. Other supporting documentation showing candidates ability to match scholarship requirements
6. All materials must be sent electronically to administrator@pmi-mn.org by the application due date.

Application Due Date

November 30, 2025

Scholarship Award Date

Estimated February 28, 2026

Evaluation Criteria

The following provide general guidelines regarding the desired characteristics, ambitions, and interests of the PMI-MN scholarship recipient.

- Preference given to those attending a degree in the field of project management
- Preference given to those with the best combination of academic, co-curricular, and volunteer experience demonstrating potential for long-term success
- Candidates who are actively engaged and attending PMI-MN will be viewed favorably.
- Seeking to improve understanding of project management principles, procedures, and practices by enrolling in a PMI educational program
- Demonstrated commitment to serving the community through volunteering
- Goal to support the advancement of the project management profession

Personal Essay

Each applicant is required to write a personal essay. The essay should be 700 – 1,000 words, double-spaced, 12pt font, with one-inch margins. The essay should address at least four of the general topics provided below.

1. Importance of project management in your academic studies and how you see project management playing a role in your career path
2. Efforts you have taken to increase awareness and knowledge of project management
3. Describe a project you have done as a project manager or member of a project team and lessons learned
4. How have you demonstrated your commitment to community services with a special focus to people in need?
5. What can you tell us about yourself that demonstrates your high personal standards and passion for life?
6. How will this scholarship get you closer to your dreams and goals?

Terms and Conditions

1. If awarded, scholarship activity must begin within one year of the scholarship being granted.
2. The scholarship funds are disbursed directly to the winner's educational institution
3. Not all applicants will be awarded a scholarship.
4. If awarded the scholarship, the award recipient will authorize the use of their name and photos to announce and promote the scholarship on the PMI-MN web sites and other communication mediums (i.e., newsletters).

