

Emberg Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is eligible for the scholarship?

A: Applicants must:

- Be high school seniors or graduates of high schools throughout Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin.
- Have a minimum cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate good character, academic ability, and readiness.
- Demonstrate financial need
- Plan to attend full-time an accredited vocational, technical or trade school located within the Northeastern Minnesota or Northwestern Wisconsin area (see Qualified Institutions for list of approved schools).

Additional Desired Qualifications

- Preference will be given to applicants enrolled in academic programs leading to a career in prominent regional industries, like forestry or aircraft maintenance.

Q. How do I apply?

A: Interested applicants may apply online at www.csascholars.org/emberg.

Q: How are applications submitted?

A: Applications must be submitted online via the Center for Scholarship Administration (CSA) portal. There are three steps to complete and submit the application:

1. Set up an account through the portal.
2. Login to the account and complete the application. A confirmation email will be sent when the application is received by CSA. Applicants should contact CSA if a confirmation email is not received.
3. Mail in any additional required materials. See list below.

Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?

A: A complete application package includes the following:

- **Student Authorization and Acknowledgements Form.**
- **Official transcript** with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest Fall semester.
- **Personal statement/essay:**
 - Submit a one-page personal statement demonstrating good character (integrity and doing the right thing), academic ability and readiness. Examples of topics to write about in the essay include extra-curricular activities, community involvement, responsibilities at home or work, volunteerism, career aspirations, or other activities. Include college and career plans, if known.
- **List of academic honors, leadership skills, community service, etc.**
- Page 1 of your **2024-2025 FAFSA Submission Summary**, which includes your name and SAI (Student Aid Index). This is the report you receive after completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- A complete **W-8 or W-9 IRS Form**. This form must be completed by the applicant.

Note: Each item should include both the applicant's name and name of the scholarship at the top of the page.

Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?

A: The online application must be completed and transmitted to CSA no later than **April 25, 2024**. Any required supplemental materials that need to be mailed must be mailed to CSA no later than **April 25, 2024** and should be mailed in one package.

Q: What is the amount of the scholarship award?

A: The amount of scholarship awards may vary from year to year.

Q: How can scholarship awards be applied?

A: Funds may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies as required by your courses.

Q: What school may I attend?

A: You must be a full-time student enrolled at an accredited, vocational, technical or trade school located in the Northeastern Minnesota or Northwestern Wisconsin area, in any field of study leading to a diploma, certificate, vocational, or associates degree, provided the institution meets the following requirements:

List of Approved Institutions

- Central Lakes College
- Chippewa Valley Technical College
- Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College
- Hibbing Community College
- Itasca Community College
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
- Lake Superior College
- Leech Lake Tribal College
- Mesabi Range Community College
- Northcentral Technical College
- Northwest Technical College
- Northwood Technical College
- Rainy River Community College
- Vermilion Community College

An eligible educational institution is one whose primary function is the presentation of formal instruction and that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of students in attendance at the place where it carries on its educational activities.

Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?

A: All applicants will be notified in writing by email, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will download a package from their online account that includes a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

Q: Is this scholarship renewable?

A: This scholarship is for one year only; however, current recipients may reapply and be considered for additional funding along with other new applicants. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time. Scholarship recipients are limited to four total years of scholarship award and are expected to have been enrolled consecutive years during that time. Students must reapply for additional scholarship awards. Renewal is not guaranteed, and students will be included in the pool of scholarship applicants.