



Tahoe Expedition Academy

Millennium Scholarship Program

The Millennium Scholarship Program (MSP) is operated by Tahoe Expedition Academy and underwritten by incredibly generous donors committed to making the world a better place.

We believe:

- Education is a great equalizer in life.
- Empowering creative action by young people can make the world a better place.
- Continuing education beyond high school can be a stepping stone to a sound career, future opportunities, and a great life.

The Backbone: This program is built on the following guiding principles

- Provide much needed financial assistance to those who deserve it.
 - We conduct a comprehensive application process to select annual scholarship recipients and make meaningful awards that can have a substantial impact.
- Encourage young people to continue their education beyond high school.
 - We recognize that post secondary education can come in many different forms including, but not limited to, college, university, community college, technical and vocational school, and professional development opportunities.
- Empower young people to make a difference in their own lives and the world around them.
 - We believe that TEA's Student Council is uniquely positioned to recognize and reward the efforts and contributions of their fellow students and can benefit personally and professionally from being the drivers of this program.

Funding History:

- We began the program with an initial donation of \$25,000 for the 2018-19 school year. After successfully completing two grant cycles and allocating 5 awards of \$5000 each, an additional gift of \$100,000 was secured in June of 2021.

The Details:

- Scholarships are open to Tahoe Expedition Academy seniors who are graduating in good standing and who have exhibited stellar character and citizenship.
- Awards will be given to up to 4 students per year, with a maximum allocation amount of \$5,000 per student.
- Awards will be announced during senior passage presentations each year.



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Millennium Scholarship Application Process

Timeframe:

Applications and supporting documentation are due by the third Friday in May each year.

Application Requirements:

- Completed Online Application
<https://www.tahoexpeditionacademy.org/Millennium-Scholarship>
- 2 Short Essay Questions:
 - Describe successes or failures to date in terms of individual achievements inside or outside of school, service for others and/or the stewardship for the environment.
 - What are your plans for the future and how would you use an award?
- 1 Teacher References (can be same used for college applications)
- TEA Transcript / Diploma / Graduation Certification
- Demonstrated financial need to either pay for college / higher education or to take on a challenge in the world that will benefit the lives of others
- Must have earned acceptance into a 4 year college or university, vocational school or community college

Selection Process:

- Each year, applications received by the third Friday in May will be reviewed by the MSP Administrative TEAM, composed of the Dean of Students, College Counselor, Director of Development and Head of School. This team will assess whether or not the applicants meet the financial need requirement and confirm acceptance to a 4 year college or university, vocational school or community college.
- Applicants who meet the financial and educational requirements will then be forwarded to the designated MSP subcommittee of the Student Council. This subcommittee will include student council members who are not currently in the 12th grade, as well as 1-2 outside experts from the local community.
- The MSP Student Council Subcommittee and outside experts will review applications within 7 days and forward their recommendation for award(s) to the full Student Council for final approval.
- Grantees will be notified in writing by the Student Council and will be recognized by the Head of School during passage presentations.



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- Grantees will be expected to provide annual updates to the Director of Development on their progress, successes and challenges so that the Donor and the larger TEA community can celebrate their journey.

Percentages for Determination:

- Short Essay Questions: 50%
- Teacher References: 25%
- School Transcripts: 25%