



emPowerU Scholarship

**Submission Deadline:
April 15th at Noon**

PURPOSE

The e² emPowerU Scholarship has been established by Heartland Foundation to provide financial assistance to aid **past participants of emPowerU programs**. **Programs include:** emPower Plant (now known as emPowerU), Public Achievement, Public Achievement Democracy Council, emPower Me, and e² Fellowship.

ESTABLISHING THE SCHOLARSHIP

Heartland Foundation, a 501(c)3 public charity, promotes region-wide initiatives to empower children and adults to build healthier, more livable communities. **(e²) education emPowers**, a Healthy Communities initiative, **embraces the importance of educational attainment and life-long learning in achieving this vision.**

In support of healthier, more livable communities, the e² education emPowers Scholarship honors a **former emPowerU participant who has demonstrated commitment to improving the quality of life within the region**. This individual exhibits emPowerU ideals of impacting real-life challenges within their school, community, or region by collaborating with others to bring about positive change.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee will represent members of the emPowerU Advisory Council, Heartland Foundation Board of Trustees and other regional citizens. The committee may elect to invite some applicants to interview in person. Application guidelines are reviewed annually.

CRITERIA

Qualified applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Accepted and enrolled** in a post-secondary education program (technical school/ career center, community college, or university); minimum of 12 hours per semester
- Former **participant of emPowerU programs**
- Maintain a minimum **2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale**
- Provide **references and recommendations**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete the cover page. In narrative form, respond to all required TOPICS clearly and completely. NOTE: ADDRESS ALL POINTS; GENERIC NARRATIVES ARE NOT ADVISABLE. Gather additional documentation (transcript, proof of acceptance/full-time enrollment, and letters of recommendation) and assemble packet *in this mandated order:*

- **Cover page**
- **Narrative** (refer to cover page for details)
- **Official certified transcript*** from educational institution most recently attended or photocopy of high school grades. (If received in sealed envelope, applicant may open to reproduce required application copies). Please highlight class rank/GPA. (*An unofficial transcript printed from online posting is not considered official and will be subject to disqualification.*)
- **Proof of Enrollment** in a post-secondary education program (technical school/career center, community college, or university)
- At least **two currently dated letters of recommendation**, on letterhead where applicable, with person's name, position and relationship to applicant. **Letters must be dated within the last 90 days and must be signed.**

Return original application & attachments, plus two (2) *collated copies of application and all attachments, on or before April 15th at noon. All information and attachments must be complete and collated for your application to be considered. (*COLLATED = 1 SET OF ORIGINAL APPLICATION AND ATTACHED DOCUMENTS PLUS 2 COPIED SETS OF APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS.) All sets must have documents arranged in the mandated order.

Mailing/Delivery Address:

Heartland Foundation, 518 S. Sixth St.,
St. Joseph, MO 64501

*If delivering, please use the north HF entrance.

Questions may be directed to:

Dr. Sandra Pettit Weber
816.271.7571 or 800.447.1083

email: sandra.pettitweber@heartlandfoundation.org



While it is not a stipulation for receiving an award, it is the hope of Heartland Foundation and the regional e² Council that persons who benefit from this scholarship will consider pursuing a career within this region.



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APPLICANT NAME
HOME ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP COUNTY
EMAIL ADDRESS TELEPHONE
EMPLOYER (if applicable): LENGTH OF SERVICE
JOB TITLE
SUPERVISOR'S NAME TELEPHONE
PERSONAL REFERENCES:
NAME TELEPHONE
NAME TELEPHONE

NARRATIVE INFORMATION - Please respond to the following information in narrative form. ADDRESS ALL POINTS! GENERIC NARRATIVES ARE NOT ADVISABLE. Do NOT provide any personally identifiable information in your narrative (name, address, etc.).

- 1. Information regarding emPowerU experience:
- emPowerU program details (including specific program, approximate date of participation, and name of group, school, or institution).
- Description of your emPowerU experience.
- Explain the difference the emPowerU experience has made in your life.
2. What do you see as the value of education to your life and to this region?
3. Describe why you believe your community involvement is important.
4. Future plans (How do you envision your education/job training and career path? Where do you see yourself living?)
5. List other financial funds (financial aid, scholarships, grants, etc.) you have received including dollar amounts.
6. How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?
7. Information related to the post-secondary educational program you are pursuing, including:
- Name of institution and number of credit hours in which you are enrolled,
- Previous semester grade point average, and
- Cumulative grade point average.
8. List any awards or honors received.
9. List extracurricular activities including community involvement, hobbies, and interests.

Applicant signature Date

Return original application and attachments, and two (2) copies, on or before April 15th at noon. All sets must be complete and collated for your application to be considered.

*Note: Address all the above topics in your narrative and do not include personally identifiable information.

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emPowerU Scholarship Application Check List

Carefully check this list to ensure you have not overlooked any requirement!

Are you qualified to apply for this scholarship?

- Have you been accepted and are you enrolled in a post-secondary education program?
- Did you participate in any of emPowerU programs** (Programs include: emPower Plant/emPowerU, Public Achievement, Public Achievement Democracy Council, emPower Me, and e² Fellowship).
- Have you maintained a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale?

Does your narrative include information about each topic listed below? Do NOT include any personally identifiable information such as name, address, past schools attended, etc.

- Information regarding emPowerU experience
- Information on value of education
- Describe why you believe your involvement is important
- Future plans
- The name of institution and number of credit hours in which you are enrolled
- Previous semester grade point average
- Cumulative grade point average
- The expected date of graduation
- An explanation of need for financial assistance
- Anticipated costs and/or extenuating circumstances
- A list of other financial funds (financial aid, scholarships, grants, etc.) received with dollar amount
- Explain how you heard about this scholarship
- List of extracurricular activities, including community involvement, hobbies, and interests

Have you assembled everything that is needed for your packet?

- Return three (3) collated copies of the complete application and attachments (an original and two copies)
- Each set should be arranged in the following order:**
 - Cover page
 - Narrative information
 - Official certified transcript:
 - Verifying cumulative grade point average
 - Showing class rank/GPA highlighted
 - Providing scale used (i.e. 4.0 scale)
- Proof of acceptance and full-time enrollment
- Two letters of recommendation that include:
 - Current date – written within the last 90 days
 - On letterhead where applicable
 - Person's signature
 - Person's position
 - Person's relationship to you
- Mail or deliver the complete application packet on or before the due date of April 15th at noon.