The Michael A. Paras Foundation (MAP) is pleased to announce the availability of annual scholarships for eligible college or university students enrolled at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada.

Scholarships

1. General Scholarship

Open to all students enrolled in an accredited college or university. See Eligibility below for more details.

1. Challenge Scholarship

Open to all students enrolled in an accredited college or university, two-year community college or vocational/training program who have been challenged by a disability in their lives. See Eligibility below for more details.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration for the General Scholarship, an applicant must:

* Be enrolled at the time of application as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college or university. Preference will be given to those applicants enrolled in the transportation field and all applicants will be considered.
* Demonstrate successful completion of the previous year’s study by maintaining at least a 2.75 accumulated grade point average on a scale of 1 to 4 with an "A” equal to 4.
* Be a U.S. Citizen

To be eligible for consideration of the Challenge Scholarship, an applicant must:

-Articulate his or her disability and demonstrate understanding of the need for self-advocacy  
-Be committed to post-high school academic study/career training and has begun to set realistic career goals  
-Have demonstrated perseverance and is committed to achieving personal goals despite the challenges of his or her disability  
-Demonstrate participation in school and/or community activities  
-Have graduated high school and be enrolled in an accredited two-year community college, a vocational/technical training program, or accredited college or university   
-Provide most current documentation of an identified disability (any)   
-Be a United States citizen

Amount of Scholarship Award - $1,000

Scholarship funds, awarded annually, are sent to the Financial Aid Office at each recipient’s institution at the beginning of the Fall Term of his/her second year of study.

Application Deadline

Applications accepted between November 1, 2018 and June 1, 2019.  All materials, including references letters, must be postmarked by June 1, 2019 to be considered.    The deadline is that all materials must be postmarked by June 7 in order to be accepted and considered.

Applications, transcripts, narrative and reference letters must be sent to the President of the MAP and postmarked **no later than June 7, 2019**for consideration for the following Fall Term. Applications are available through the MAP web site, www.michaelaparasfoundation.org or the MAP Office:

PO Box 200  
La Fox, IL 60147  
Phone (331) 643-3369

Application Process

To apply for the scholarship the following materials must be completed and submitted to the President of the MAP:

1. A completed[Application for Undergraduate/Graduate Scholarship Program form](https://supt.org/Resources/Documents/richterscholar-app.pdf) including the narrative requested in Section E of the Application. *To view or print the Scholarship Application, Adobe Reader must be installed on your computer. Download Adobe Reader here.*[Get Adobe Reader!](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html)
2. An official transcript from the school(s) attended, including work completed through May of the year application is made.
3. Two letters of recommendation.

The application and narrative statement are to be submitted in one envelope. Arrange to have transcript(s) and letters of recommendation sent directly to MAP from the appropriate person.

Evaluation and Notification

The MAP Scholarship Committee will base its evaluation for awards on the materials submitted. Points will be assigned for the narrative, recommendations, activities and honors and the applicant’s overall abilities.  
  
**Candidates will be notified of the Committee’s decision by August 1st.**