

Mason Scholarship Application Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the Mason Scholarship Application?** It is an online scholarship application for many of the internal scholarships awarded at Mason. There are scholarships for continuing/returning undergraduates, admitted transfers, and graduate students. This includes currently enrolled International, DACA and Non-traditional students (25 and older). The application cycle opens early December and closes late April.
- 2. How do I get to the Mason Application?**
 - Go to at <https://gmu.academicworks.com/> and log in using your Mason Patriot Web NetID (username and password).
 - Follow the prompts on the screen to apply
- 3. I am incoming freshmen how do I apply for Mason Scholarships?** Incoming freshmen require no application. Awards are open to deposited students who plan to enroll fall semester. Scholarship awards are based on merit and/or financial need. Students who plan to enroll in the College of Visual and Performing Arts should contact awarding department (Music, Theatre, and Dance).
- 4. If I am not an admitted student can I apply for Mason Scholarships?** You must be an admitted student. To access the application, students log in with their Mason NetID (username and password). Many of the scholarships require Mason GPA and/or credit hours at Mason.
- 5. What internal scholarships can I apply for with the Mason Scholarship Application?** The academic department for a student's major may have information about scholarships related to their field of study. Please check the department's website for information. If referred to the financial aid office from the department's website, the process is through the Mason Application.
- 6. I am an 'undeclared' major. What scholarships can I apply for through the application?** Applications are based on your academic record as well as your answers to the questions on the application. If applicable, be sure to check your 'Recommended' opportunities when completing the application and take action on any 'Apply' scholarships.
- 7. I plan on changing my major or adding a second major.** Your current major(s), minor, and concentration determines your eligibility for certain scholarships. To qualify for college specific scholarships please update your major prior to submitting your application.



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8. **What if I start the Mason Application and cannot finish it in one sitting?** Go ahead and save your responses and come back whenever you are ready to complete. The complete application must be submitted before the deadline date.
9. **How will I know if I submitted the application successfully?** You will receive an email from George Mason University Scholarships 'no-reply gmusch@gmu.edu that says 'Mason Scholarship Application Submission Confirmation.' Additionally, your General Application will say 'Complete.' You can still make changes and update until the deadline date.
10. **I made a mistake on my submitted application.** You may go back and correct your application up until the deadline date.
11. **Am I required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?**
No, the FAFSA is only necessary if you wish to be considered for financial need scholarships.
12. **When should I submit the FAFSA in order to be considered for need-based scholarships?** To meet the priority deadline U.S citizens and permanent resident's students should submit the FAFSA by **March 1**.
13. **Are DACA students eligible to apply for financial need scholarships?** Yes, DACA students may submit the [Alternate Needs Assessment Form](#) by the **March 1** priority deadline but no later than the application closing date (April 30).
14. **Are international students eligible to complete the scholarship application?**
International students are eligible to apply. Students may be considered for scholarships which do not require U.S. citizenship or financial need.
15. **Should I complete the application each year?** Yes, students must complete and submit the Mason Scholarship Application each year to be considered for internal scholarships.
16. **How will I know if I have received an award?** Notification of Mason internal scholarships begins mid-June and continues through August. Students selected for the award will receive an official letter via email or mail from the department or award committee. Students may view their awards on Patriot Web in the Financial Aid Awards section.
17. **How is my award applied?** Most scholarship awards are applied towards educational expenses and are usually split between the two semesters.
18. **I am having problems signing in to the Mason Scholarship Application.** If you are having issues logging in with your Mason Net ID (username and password) please visit the Password Management website at password.gmu.edu/ [Patriot Pass](#).