



2026 Scholarship Program

Guidelines

The **Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation** was founded to provide scholarship opportunities to students graduating from Nashua High School North and Nashua High School South. The Foundation will award a total of Two (2) Scholarships to graduating seniors who will be matriculating into a collegiate level degree program that is STEM based. Please contact the **Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation** directly for more information.

Available Scholarships:

Nashua, NH: Two (2) \$5,000 scholarships are available to One (1) Nashua High School North and One (1) Nashua High School South, Senior Class of 2026 enrolling into a STEM based degree program following graduation from post-secondary education.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

* Available to graduating seniors in the Class of 2026 from Nashua High School North and Nashua High School South in Nashua, NH.

* Applicants must plan to attend a 2, 4, or 5 year college/university program or technical school and be pursuing a degree in a STEM field beginning in Autumn of 2026.

* Scholarship funds will be paid in full directly to the educational institution during the summer of 2026 prior to the first semester of the student's first year. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the Foundation proof of enrollment prior to fund disbursement.

* Applicants must have a letter of reference submitted with their application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship. This letter can come from a teacher, employer, coach, supervisor, or any person who is not a family member. Letters of reference should be submitted with completed application. Please provide the attached letter to the author of your letter of reference to provide them with information about the scholarship. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

*Applications, transcripts, and letters of reference are due by **April 8, 2026, by 11:59PM** to be received by the Foundation. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

*Photocopies and Scans of letters of reference and transcripts are permitted and original documents are not required. Applications must be completed on the official scholarship application form provided by the Foundation. All applications must be the student's original work. AI generated and/or plagiarized material will not be accepted.

*Semi-Finalists will receive notification of application status will be sent out by May 1st, 2026. Semi-Finalists are expected to participate in a virtual interview which will be recorded. Interviews will take place in late April/early May in the evenings and will run approximately 15 – 20 minutes each.

***It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials on the included checklist are submitted on time and complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**



Application Submission Instructions

Digital Submission

Digital submissions are strongly encouraged. **For formatting purposes, it is recommended that this form is viewed/completed on a desktop or laptop, not a mobile device or tablet.**

Include your First and Last name as a part of all document titles and on all application pages. Application, letter of reference, and transcripts may be in one file or submitted separately. We ask that whenever possible, please submit using only one file.

Upload one copy of a completed application and supporting documents to www.bsmmemorial.com/scholarships

Physical Submission

Alternatively, completed applications can be mailed to:

Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation
P.O. Box 1161
Nashua, NH 03061-1161

If submitting by mail, please be sure to contact the Foundation at Contact@bsmmemorial.com to confirm receipt of your application. A confirmation response will be sent once the application is received by the Foundation. **Digital submissions are strongly encouraged.**

Applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by the Board of Directors. Recipients will be notified in late May of 2026.

Applications may be downloaded from the Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation website at www.bsmmemorial.com/scholarships

Please submit any questions to: Contact@bsmmemorial.com



**BRIAN S. MCCARTHY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026**

Please type your responses:

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street:	Apt#:
	City:	State:
3.	Telephone Number:	
4.	Email Address:	
5.	Date of Birth Month:	Day: Year:
6.	Current Grade Point Average (GPA): out of Please provide a copy of most recent Transcript	
7.	High School attending (check one): Nashua High North <input type="checkbox"/> Nashua High South <input type="checkbox"/>	
8.	List any high school academic honors, awards and membership activities:	
9.	List your high school related extracurricular activities and volunteer activities:	



10.	List your hobbies, outside interests, non-school sponsored volunteer activities, and employment in the community:
11.	List any CTE courses that you have completed or are currently taking.
12.	What is your anticipated major/field of study?
13.	What courses did you take in high school that prepared you for your chosen field of study? Please explain in 2 or 3 sentences.
14a.	What college, university or technical school will you attend? If you have not decided please see question 14b.
14b.	If you have not yet decided on a college, university, or technical school, please list your top three (3) choices: 1. 2. 3.
15.	You may use this section to provide any further information you would like the scholarship committee to know.

Please continue to pages 5 and 6 for essay prompts.



Essays. Write a short essay (up to 500 words) for each question prompt.

1. What inspired you to choose your field of study? Was there a key moment that triggered your interest?



2. Describe your educational and career goals. How do you plan to use these goals to enrich your community?



STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

Please initial the following statements:

I hereby affirm that all the above-mentioned information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. The work I have submitted is original and in my own words.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation Scholarship policy, it is my responsibility to provide proof of enrollment to the Foundation and any other requested appropriate information for my scholarship funds to be disbursed.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered.

Digital Signature of Scholarship Applicant : _____

Date: _____

Checklist

- Application
- Essays (2)
- Letter of Reference from: _____
- Most Recent **Transcript**
- Email Notification to Foundation (if Applying through Mail)

UPLOAD YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS AT:
www.bsmmemorial.com/scholarships

or mail to:

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P.O. Box 1161
Nashua, NH 03061-1161

Please notify the Foundation at Contact@bsmmemorial.com if submitting by mail.

We strongly encourage digital applications.

REMINDER:

The deadline for this application to be received by the Foundation:
April 8, 2026, 11:59 PM



Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation
P.O. Box 1161
Nashua, NH 03061

Dear _____,

The **Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation** was founded in 2019 to provide scholarship opportunities to students graduating from Nashua High School North and Nashua High School South who will be matriculating into a collegiate level STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) degree program. The Foundation will award a total of Two (2) Scholarships to graduating seniors from the Class of 2026. Please contact the **Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation** directly for more information.

Our 2026 Scholarship Applications are now open and _____ would like you to write a letter of reference on their behalf. Applications and letters of reference are due back to the foundation no later than **April 8, 2026, at 11:59PM**. Letters of Reference may be submitted by returning to the student for upload with their application, digitally through the link at www.bsmmemorial.com/scholarships, emailed to the Foundation at Contact@bsmmemorial.com, or mailed to our P.O. Box listed above. We strongly encourage digital submission. If submitting separately from the student's application, please include the student's name in the file name.

Thank you very much for your support!

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. McCarthy

President, Brian S. McCarthy Memorial Foundation