THE STEPHEN PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, four-year scholarships to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others, and a strong work ethic.

- ✓ Applicants may attend college anywhere in the United States but must be from New England.
- ✓ Awards are limited to students seeking their first bachelor's degree at a four-year college in the 2026-2027 academic year.
- ✓ Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to be considered.
- ✓ Students should be involved with sustained community service (in school, the community, or at home) and have a history of part-time employment.
- ✓ Applicants must have financial need. Before beginning the application, applicants should use the financial calculator on the Phillips website to be sure they qualify financially.
  It is our intent to award students with Student Aid Indexes (SAI) of 13,000 or less, although families with special financial situations should call or email to see if they can apply. A student's financial need considers the scholarships and grants in their financial aid award offer; therefore, students need this information to calculate their need. In 2025, 90% of awarded students had parent AGIs less than $100,000, and *91% of newly awarded students had federal SAIs of less than 10,000.*
- ✓ A United States citizen OR a noncitizen who EITHER a) has a current lawful presence in the United States and employment authorization OR b) files (or is the dependent of a parent who files) a US income tax return.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit **www.phillips-scholarship.org** for more information about applying for the scholarship and to access the scholarship application. **Applications must be submitted using the online form.** Mailed applications will not be considered. Begin your online application early enough to be thorough in your responses and to give recommenders time to respond to your requests. Most applicants report spending 1 to 6 hours to complete the application. **To complete your application, you will need to upload:**

- ✓ One formal essay and a few short responses
- ✓ Financial Aid Award information from the college or university you plan to attend
- ✓ The name and contact details of at least one recommender
- ✓ Your 2026-2027 FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)



Regular Deadline – 12 noon, May 1, 2026.
Applicants will be notified of decisions in late June.

Early Response Deadline – 12 noon April 2, 2026.
Available only to high school students who have their financial aid information from the college they prefer to attend. Students who apply by April 3 will receive a decision before the common reply date of May 1.

2025 Student W-2 Form(s) and 2024 Parent Tax Forms.
These forms may be requested later in the process.

THE STEPHEN PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.
PO Box 870 • SALEM MA 01970
www.phillips-scholarship.org • staff@spscholars.org • 978-744-2111