2026 MacGahan American-Bulgarian Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: Friday, April 17, 2026

The MacGahan American-Bulgarian Foundation awards two scholarships annually to residents of Perry County, Ohio. Both scholarships will be awarded regardless of the school district of residence so long as the student lives in Perry County. The amount for each scholarship winner will be $1,000.

In order to apply for the scholarship, a student must complete the **application form** and send it with a high **school transcript** and an **original essay** of 800 to 1200 words on the topic specified to the following mailing OR email address by April 17.

The MacGahan American-Bulgarian Foundation
c/o Brenda Mooney
275 McKinley Ave
New Lexington, Ohio. 43764

tomandbrenda@mooneyhome.com

Announcement of the recipients will be made during the last week of April, and the scholarships will be presented June 13, this year's annual MacGahan Festival. Attendance and participation in the festival is expected. (Absence from the festival, without a viable excuse such as sickness or job requirement, etc., will result in reduction of scholarship awarded.)

To be eligible for a scholarship, a Perry County student must meet each of the following criteria:

- Have at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Be graduating from high school in the current school year (Home schooled students are encouraged to apply)
- Currently resides in Perry County
- Have applied for enrollment in a formal program of further post-secondary education (including trade school, etc.)

Essay topic for 2026:

"If MacGahan were alive today and reporting from Ukraine, what would be the main differences and similarities compared to his reporting from Bulgaria? Consider the situation, the means of reporting, and what you think he might say. Explain your reasons for your answers." (Students are permitted to use AI as a reference source. The essay however needs to be from the student's perspective.)

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Scholarship Information

Please include the following information with your scholarship essay:

Personal Information:

- Name
- Address
- Email Address
- Cell Phone Number

Academic Information:

- High Schools Attended
- Institution you plan to attend
- List school activities (include offices held)
- List honors and awards
- List work experience and community involvement

Submit with original essay and high school transcript

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