



Michigan *Elks* Association

Charitable Grant Fund - Gold Key Scholarship



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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Michigan Elks Charitable Grant Fund Scholarship Program, I am pleased to share an important opportunity for students with special needs who are seeking to pursue post-secondary education.

The Michigan Elks Charitable Grant Fund is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting students with physical, medical, or learning challenges that impact their educational journey. Eligible students may receive special education services, have a 504 Plan, IEP, or qualify with approval from the Gold Key Scholarship Commissioners.

The Gold Key Scholarship awards \$2,000 per academic year and is renewable for up to three additional years. This scholarship provides vital financial support to students who may otherwise face barriers to continuing their education. Funds may be used at accredited colleges, universities, trade schools, or vocational programs, allowing students to pursue the educational path that best aligns with their career goals.

Our mission is to empower deserving young individuals to become self-sufficient, productive members of society. We recognize that traditional academic measures do not always fully reflect a student’s determination or potential. As such, our selection process emphasizes program completion, extracurricular involvement, perseverance, and future goals. Scholarships are available to young adults ages 18–26.

New for 2026: Quarterly Scholarship Application Opportunities

Beginning in 2026, the Michigan Elks Gold Key Scholarship will offer quarterly application cycles, providing greater flexibility for students and families. Application open and deadline dates for 2026 are as follows:

- Applications open January 1, 2026 | Deadline: March 1, 2026
- Applications open April 1, 2026 | Deadline: June 1, 2026
- Applications open July 1, 2026 | Deadline: September 1, 2026
- Applications open October 1, 2026 | Deadline: December 1, 2026

Students may apply during the quarter that best aligns with their educational timeline.



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Students interested in applying can visit <https://mielksgoldkey.org>, where full eligibility requirements, application instructions, and required documentation are available.

Many students with special needs face significant obstacles on the road to higher education. With your support in sharing this opportunity, we can help remove those barriers and make a meaningful, lasting impact in their lives.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and advocacy on behalf of these students.

Warm regards,

Ami Edmonds

Chairperson

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