

The Elks National Foundation awards **$2.52 million** in college scholarships to a total of 500 high school seniors nationwide through its Most Valuable Student contest.

ELIGIBILITY

High School Senior and United States Citizen

JUDGING CRITERIA

Academics | Leadership | Service | Financial Need

500 FOUR-YEAR AWARDS*

- **480** scholarships worth **$4,000**
- **20** scholarships worth **$30,000**

**Awards paid over four years*

APPLICATIONS

Available online starting **August 1, 2026** at **enf.elks.org/MVS**

DEADLINE

On or before **November 12, 2026**
Counselor Report due **November 19, 2026**

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2027 CONTEST TIMELINE

AUGUST 1, 2026

- Applications Available at **enf.elks.org/MVS**

NOVEMBER 12, 2026

- Application Deadline

DECEMBER 2026 - JANUARY 2027

- Lodge and District Judging
- Quarter-Finalist Application Opens
  Transcript and FAFSA Submission Summary Required

FEBRUARY 2027

- State Judging
- Semi-Finalist Application Opens

MARCH 2027

- National Judging
- Top 20 Finalists Selected to Attend Leadership Weekend and receive $30,000

APRIL 29-MAY 2, 2027

- Leadership Weekend in Chicago

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Applicants will be notified via email at each stage of the competition by the Elks National Foundation. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure all eligibility and application requirements are met.

There is no guarantee of a financial award until applicants reach the national level.

Many Lodges, Districts and State Elks Associations also award scholarships through the MVS contest. The ENF and its contest partner, International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), are only responsible for administering the national competition.