



## THE MENA/POLK COUNTY ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION

### 2026 Scholarship Criteria

#### Scholarships to be Awarded:

- A \$500 to \$1,000 one-time scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who is a resident of Polk County. Number of scholarships will be determined at a later date.

#### Eligibility:

- Must be employed by or be the dependent of an employee of a Chamber of Commerce member. See attached list for current Chamber members.
- Must be a resident in Polk County.
- Must have a 3.00 GPA.
- Must submit the completed application no later than March 15, 2026.

#### Criteria for awarding scholarship:

- Academics
- Community Service Involvement
- Recommendations

#### Disbursement:

- Will be paid to the recipient upon furnishing proof of enrollment to an approved institution.

Direct all inquiries and applications to:

Mena/Polk County Enhancement Foundation

524 Sherwood Ave., Mena, AR 71953

(479) 394-2912

*Deadline for submitting applications is* March 15th, 2026

**MENA/ POLK COUNTY ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION**

*in conjunction with*

**THE MENA/POLK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

## 2025 Scholarship Application Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name                      Middle Initial                      Last Name

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Address City, State & Zip                      Phone Number

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High School name or Date/Location GED was issued      Number of Students in Class

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Point Average                      Rank in Class                      Placement Test Scores

\_\_\_\_\_  
Accredited Institute You Plan to Attend                      Intended Major

Name of Parents or Spouse (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Chamber Member Business    Employee Name & Relation to Applicant

**\*\*Application should be accompanied by the following items to be eligible\*\***

- 1. A permanent high school transcript (including fall semester of senior year) or official GED transcript.**
- 2. An essay describing your educational and career goals, involvement in leadership, community service and scholastic achievements, work history, and reason for applying for this scholarship (200 word max.).**
- 3. Two (2) character reference letters (no relatives).**

If selected for a Mena Polk County Enhancement Foundation scholarship, I agree to provide a photo or electronic image of myself and give the Mena/Polk County Enhancement Foundation and the Mena/Polk County Chamber of Commerce

permission to release my information to the press/media.

Applicants must meet and follow all guidelines outlined in the Mena/Polk County Enhancement Foundation 2026 Scholarship Criteria.

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Applicant's Signature    Date

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Signature of Chamber Member/Business    Date

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