

Scholarship Application Packet

This packet contains the following applications:

1. George Fischer Scholarship
2. Ruth Foster Scholarship
3. Walt Galvin Scholarship

George Fischer \$1000 Scholarship Application
Des Moines Education Association
2025-2026

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Birth Date _____

High School _____ Email _____

Parents/Guardians _____
(Father/Guardian's name) _____ (Occupation) _____

(Mother/Guardian's name) _____ (Occupation) _____

Number of siblings _____ Number now pursuing higher education _____

Sibling(s)' grade classification in college? Freshman _____ Junior _____
Sophomore _____ Senior _____

Criteria

- Parent or guardian must be a current DMEA member.
- Applicant must be a **2025-2026** high school graduate.
- Applicant must be accepted by a college or institution of his/her choice.

Please submit all items:

- High School transcript, including applicant's grades and GPA must accompany all applications.
- List any financial aid.
- List scholarships being applied for (received/rejected/waiting).
- List work experience (most recent first).
- List school activities (sports, clubs, drama, etc.).
- List community activities (church, scouts, charity, etc.).
- List honors/awards.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from former or current teachers of applicant's choice. The letters of recommendation should be sent to the DMEA office on or before March 1, 2026.

Personal letters of application (2)—These essays will be evaluated on clarity, correctness, sincerity, and organization. Limit **both** essays to three hundred (300) words or fewer. Please respond to **both** of the following topics:

- Topic "A"**- Please write a short essay. What do you think we should know about you?
- Topic "B"**-If you were given the opportunity to leave a time capsule for posterity in the cornerstone of your city hall, what one book, one mechanical object, and one other item of your own choosing would you leave as a statement about life in the twenty-first century? Explain your choices.

Completed applications must be received at the DMEA Office, 206 Center, Des Moines, Iowa 50309, no later than March 1, 2026 by 4:30 p.m. Responses will remain confidential.

The finalist will be presented their award at the DMEA Representative Assembly on May 7, 2026.

GUIDELINES IN SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

George Fischer Scholarship

1. Student academic records should be the prime consideration in selecting the semi-finalists. Courses taken and grades received should be considered.
2. School activities, community activities and work experience should be considered as a block and a total of 15 points should be distributed among the three areas.
3. The essays that the applicants write should be evaluated as to how the student expresses himself/herself and not as to the specific topic chosen.
4. Financial needs may be considered in selecting the winners. Such things as other awards, number of children, how many pursuing advanced education and total family income should be considered.
5. The finalists shall be presented their awards at the DMEA Representative Assembly on May 7, 2026.

Ruth Foster \$1000 Scholarship Application
Des Moines Education Association
2025-2026

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Birth Date _____

High School _____ Email _____

Parents/Guardians _____
(Father/Guardian's name) _____ (Occupation) _____

_____ (Mother/Guardian's name) _____ (Occupation) _____

Number of siblings _____ Number now pursuing higher education _____

Sibling(s)' grade classification in college? Freshman _____ Junior _____
Sophomore _____ Senior _____

Criteria

- ____ Parent or guardian must be a current DMEA member.
- ____ Applicant must be a **2025-2026** graduate of a Des Moines high school and/or planning to major in education.
- ____ Applicant must be accepted by a college or institution of his/her choice.

Please submit all items:

- ____ High School transcript, including applicant's grades and GPA must accompany all applications.
- ____ List any financial aid.
- ____ List scholarships being applied for (received/rejected/waiting).
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GUIDELINES IN SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Ruth Foster Scholarship

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2. School activities, community activities and work experience should be considered as a block and a total of 15 points should be distributed among the three areas.
3. The essays that the applicants write should be evaluated as to how the student expresses himself/herself and not as to the specific topic chosen.
4. Financial needs may be considered in selecting the winners. Such things as other awards, number of children, how many pursuing advanced education and total family income should be considered.
5. The finalists shall be presented their awards at the DMEA Representative Assembly on May 7, 2026.
6. * For students attending the Des Moines Public Schools and/or planning to major in education

*Preference will be given to applicants who meet both criteria

Des Moines Education Association

Walt Galvin Scholarship

Selection Criteria

- 1. Must be the son, daughter, step-child, grandchild or claimed dependent (not a spouse) if living in home of an active DMEA member or an active ESP DMEA member. ESP DMEA members are eligible if meeting the criteria.**
- 2. Must have completed 90 semester hours of college course work and/or be considered a senior. This scholarship is limited to undergraduate students. A photo copy of 2025 fall semester credits will be accepted if needed to meet the 90 hour requirement but must be received in the DMEA office no later than March 1, 2026.**
- 3. Must have been admitted to a pre-service Education Program leading to teacher licensure.**
- 4. Must demonstrate his/her intent to become a teacher by submitting:**
 - College transcript and photo copy of 2025 fall credits**
 - Written statement concerning reasons for becoming a teacher.**
- 5. Demonstrate future potential as a teacher as evidenced by a written recommendation from a cooperating teacher from practicum experience.**
- 6. Demonstrate an interest in children through employment and/or volunteer experiences.**
- 7. College Activities**
- 8. Other Employment Experiences**
- 9. Financial Need (Student Aid Report or other evidence of financial need).**

**Walt Galvin \$1,000 Scholarship Application
Des Moines Education Association
2025-2026**

Criteria

1. Applicant must be the son, daughter, step-child, grandchild or claimed dependent (not a spouse) if living in the home of an active DMEA member or an active ESP DMEA member.
 - ESP DMEA members are eligible if meeting the criteria.
2. Applicant must have completed 90-semester hours of college course work and /or be considered a senior.
 - This scholarship is limited to undergraduate students.
 - A photocopy of **2025 fall** semester credits will be accepted if needed to meet the 90-hour requirement but must be received in the DMEA office no later than **March 1**.
3. Applicant must have been admitted to a pre-service education program leading to teacher licensure.
4. Applicant must demonstrate his/her intent to become a teacher by submitting:
 - Documentation of coursework
 - College transcript and photocopy of **2025 fall** credits
 - Written statement for why pursuing a career in teaching
 - Written recommendation from a cooperating teacher from practicum experience
 - List of employment and/or volunteer experiences while in college
 - List college activities (sports, clubs, societies, etc.)
 - List source and amount of financial aid currently received or record of any aid received
 - ✓ Please attach a copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) or equivalent and a record of any aid received.

Applicant Name	
Home Address Street Address	
City/State/Zip	
Home Telephone (area code)	
E-mail Address	
College/University	
College Major	

(signature of parent - DMEA member)

(signature of applicant)

(date)

(date)

Please return this application and all supporting documentation to:

**DMEA Scholarship Committee
206 Center Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50309. Phone (515) 471-8040 Fax (515) 471-8043**

**DEADLINE DATE: March 1, 2026
Responses will remain confidential.**

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