



# THOMAS MUNSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

## INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

### General Information

The Thomas Munson Foundation Scholarship Fund (TMFSF) provides scholarships that include awards for accredited community or junior college and vocational and technical schools; four-year college or university; graduate education; and business or nonprofit internships. Note that the application for internships is separate.

Detailed descriptions of all scholarships, including eligibility requirements and performance metrics for renewable scholarships, are given below on pages 7–9.

There is no fee to apply for the TMFSF scholarships.

To apply, you must be a citizen of the United States and must be able to trace your ancestry to Thomas Munson or another original settler of the colony at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1639. Information about documenting your descent lineage and a complete list of the settlers is given below on pages 10–11.

As an applicant, you are solely responsible for ensuring that all application materials are postmarked or submitted electronically on or before the deadline of March 1 in the award year. **Applications and materials postmarked or submitted electronically on or after March 2 will not be considered.** For electronic submissions, use our website: [thomasmunson.org](http://thomasmunson.org). For postal submissions, mail your materials with USPS tracking to:

Mr. Dave Weaver  
2600 S. Henderson St. #306  
Bloomington, IN 47401

If you mail your application materials, the Scholarship Awards Committee does not provide confirmation that they were delivered. It is strongly recommended that, at the time of mailing, you use a United States Postal Service (USPS) delivery option that tracks your package and/or provides a means of delivery confirmation. Be aware that FedEx and UPS do not deliver to USPS mailbox addresses, so do not attempt to use them.

Each applicant must ensure that all required academic institution documents/transcripts and letters of recommendation are either postmarked or submitted electronically by the March 1 deadline. Be vigilant and

insistent, and make timely inquiries with the school(s) and individuals from whom you request documents and letters so that they send the materials by the deadline.

Decisions of the Scholarship Awards Committee are final.

Applicants may address questions about application instructions to the Scholarship Awards Chairperson, Mr. Dave Weaver, at [tmfsfawards@thomasmunson.org](mailto:tmfsfawards@thomasmunson.org)

Decision letters are mailed to applicants in the spring. If you are awarded a scholarship, our treasurer will verify enrollment at your chosen academic institution and then send the scholarship funds directly to the institution. They will be credited to your account there.

We welcome your application and will consider it carefully. Good luck!

## To Assemble and Submit Your Application Package

- 1 Complete the Application Form that follows. Download the application form from the website. Answer all questions including the Motor Vehicles List, Personal Statement, and Historical Context Question. Write the required essays. You must “sign” and date the Honor Pledge. “Sign” means actual written signature, scanned, and returned as a pdf, or an electronic signature inserted on the Honor Pledge. “Sign” does not mean simply typing your name on the line in the document.
- 2 Include a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR), the one-page summary of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Send only the one page. Do not send the entire FAFSA report.
- 3 Submissions of your completed application package can be made in two ways. 1. Submit your completed documents electronically as one or more PDFs to our website. 2. Arrange to have them sent by U.S. Postal Service with tracking number to Mr. Dave Weaver, 2600 S. Henderson St. #306, Bloomington, IN 47401.

The following supplemental documents must be (1) mailed using US Postal Service directly by original sources, not the applicant, unless they are enclosed in a sealed and unopened envelope or (2) uploaded by original sources electronically at our website, [www.thomasmunson.org](http://www.thomasmunson.org). If your sources send materials electronically, the documents should be given a name that begins with your name, for example: **janemunson\_transcript\_fromellensmith.pdf** or **johnturner.letter.fromjanedoe.docx**. Provide your sources with your email address, so they can let you know they received an auto-reply confirming their electronic submission.

- A letter of recommendation from a school official (classroom teacher, counselor, faculty member, faculty advisor, or institution administrator);
- A letter of recommendation from a community member who is not related to you. S/he must provide complete contact information in case we need to contact her/him;
- An official copy of your high school and college transcript(s), depending on the scholarship type. Transcripts should name the courses completed and grades earned, including mid-term grades for the current scholastic year.

- 4 Instructions for submitting evidence of ancestry and a list of the signatories are given on pages 10–11 below.



# THOMAS MUNSON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL AWARDS

## APPLICATION FORM

**Indicate the Thomas Munson Scholarship for which you are applying:**

\_\_\_\_ \$2,500 Thomas Munson 2-Year U.S. Community or Junior College Renewable Scholarship. (This includes accredited U.S. community and junior colleges and accredited trade and vocational schools.)

\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 Thomas Munson 4-Year U.S. College or University Renewable Scholarship

\_\_\_\_ \$5,000 Thomas Munson U.S. Graduate Program Scholarship

**See pages 7–9 for scholarship descriptions.**

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's email \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Parent/Guardian #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Munson clan name, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Munson RN number, if known: \_\_\_\_\_ Do not enter the membership number from a Thomas Munson Foundation membership card. It is not an RN number. If you do not have an RN number, see page 11 of this application, "Documenting Your Descent from a Signer of the 1639 New Haven Compact."

## FINANCES

Expected family contribution as specified on your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** A copy of the SAR must accompany this application to support this figure. *Do not send the entire FAFSA report. Send only the first-page summary (the SAR).*

Not counting yourself, how many children in your family are currently enrolled in college? \_\_\_\_\_

## COMPLETE THE SECTIONS BELOW

### High School (for applicants who have not entered college)

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ SAT scores \_\_\_\_\_ or ACT scores \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Other Awards or Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Activities \_\_\_\_\_

### List the colleges or schools you have applied to, in order of your preference:

School Name	Annual Tuition	Accepted? (Yes or No)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

What is your planned major? \_\_\_\_\_

**College/University** (for current undergraduate and graduate students)

Undergraduate school name \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year Level (e.g., sophomore) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Current or Final GPA after graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Degree & Major \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Honors/Awards \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Honors/Awards \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Service Activities \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate School** (for college/university senior undergraduates and graduate students)

Graduate School & Department \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Program Degree/Major \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year in Program \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Current Graduate Program GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Honors/Awards \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Honors/Awards \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Community Service Activities \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Work Experience (all applicants)**

If you are working now or have worked, what work did you do, where did you work, for how long did you work there, and how many hours a week did you work? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Motor Vehicles List**

On a separate page, list the year, make, and model of all motor vehicles owned, operated, or leased by you and your family. Identify which, if any, of the vehicles are leased in your name or owned by you.

**Personal Statement**

On a separate page, in 250 to 500 words describe your personal and educational goals and the reason(s) you believe a Thomas Munson Foundation scholarship will help you achieve your goals. Tell us about any special financial circumstances or other information we should consider when we review your application package.

**Historical Context Question**

On a separate page, in 250 to 500 words answer one of the following questions:

- What does it mean to you to be descended from an early settler of the New Haven Colony?
- What is the value of studying the history of the United States?
- Thomas Munson left the known world of England for a new life in what would become the United States. In what way have you taken a chance or tried something new to achieve a goal that is important to you?

**All applicants are required to agree to  
and sign the following honor pledge:**

On my honor, I pledge that I have prepared this application myself and that the work I am submitting is original and my own. By submitting this application, I hereby agree to all terms and conditions applying to my potential scholarship, including reporting as required to maintain my continued eligibility.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

# SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

## 1. 2-Year Community or Junior College Renewable Scholarship (\$2,500)

**Purpose:** To help pay the costs of community or junior college. Community or junior college includes accredited U.S. community and junior colleges. Career, technical, vocational, and trade schools will also be considered.

**Eligibility:** An applicant must be able to trace his or her ancestry to Thomas Munson or another original settler of the colony at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1639. Applicants must be applying to enter a college or school as described above (Purpose).

**Target applicants:** Motivated individuals of any age who wish to pursue higher education and who will complete the degree within the continuous 2-year time frame.

**Amount:** \$2,500/year with second-year renewal based on performance metrics. Renewability will be evaluated based on performance metrics as well as the awardee's demonstrated commitment to achieving his/her academic goals.

**Renewal performance metrics:** 1) Achieve cumulative 3.0 GPA for the first year, as verified by an official transcript sent to the Scholarship Awards Committee Chairperson by July 1 following Spring Semester completion. If awardee falls below the 3.0 GPA threshold, s/he has 1 semester grace period to raise the cumulative GPA back to 3.0. Otherwise, the scholarship is forfeited. 2) Submit a written report to the Scholarship Awards Committee Chairperson also by July 1 following Spring Semester completion that a) details in 100 to 150 words the awardee's academic accomplishments, b) explains in 100 to 150 words the awardee's positive personal growth experiences for the first year, and c) describes in 100 to 150 words the awardee's career path and job opportunity targets and/or offers received based on program achievements. Failure to progress toward the degree within the time frame will be taken into consideration by reviewers in deciding whether to renew the award.

**Number of awards:** 1

**Deadline:** March 1

**How to apply:** The application process and materials can be found online at <http://www.thomasmunson.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-TMF-scholarship-application.pdf>. A hard copy of the completed application must be submitted electronically or sent via U.S. mail to the Bloomington, IN address found on page 1 of this application.

## 2. 4-Year College or University Renewable Scholarships (\$5,000)

**Purpose:** To help students pay for college or university.

**Eligibility:** An applicant must be able to trace his or her ancestry to Thomas Munson or another original settler of the colony at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1639. Applicants must be applying to enter a 4-year program of any



major or discipline at an accredited college or university. Applicants can be current high school seniors, undergraduate freshmen, sophomores, or juniors enrolled in any undergraduate major of an accredited 4-year college or university; these applicants may apply for renewable annual awards for their remaining program years.

**Target applicants:** Motivated individuals of any age who wish to pursue higher education and who will complete the degree within the continuous 4-year time frame.

**Amount:** \$5,000/year with second- to fourth-year renewals based on performance metrics. Renewability will be evaluated based on performance metrics as well as the awardee's demonstrated commitment to achieving his/her academic goals.

**Renewal performance metrics:** 1) Achieve cumulative 3.0 GPA for each scholarship award year, as verified by an official transcript sent to the Scholarship Awards Committee Chairperson by July 1 following Spring Semester completion. If awardee falls below the 3.0 GPA threshold, s/he has 1 semester grace period to raise the cumulative GPA back to 3.0. Otherwise, the scholarship is forfeited. 2) Submit a written report to the Awards Committee Chairperson also by July 1 following Spring Semester completion that a) details in 100 to 150 words your academic accomplishments for the year, b) illustrates in 100 to 150 words at least one academic goal you achieved in your major that will further your career opportunities, and c) explains in 100 to 150 words one or more positive personal growth experiences for the award year. For the final renewal year, the written report must describe how you will seek and secure employment in your chosen career or what your next life steps will be upon completion of the undergraduate program. If you have secured employment before graduation, include in your final scholarship report where you will be working and what your job activities and responsibilities will be. Failure to progress toward the degree within the time frame will be taken into consideration by reviewers in deciding whether to renew the award.

**Number of awards:** 4

**Deadline:** March 1

**How to apply:** The application process and materials can be found online at <http://www.thomasmunson.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-TMF-scholarship-application.pdf>. A hard copy of the completed application must be submitted electronically or sent via U.S. mail to the Bloomington, IN address found on page 1 of this application.

### 3. Graduate Program Scholarship (\$5,000)

**Purpose:** To help a student pay for graduate school.

**Eligibility:** An applicant must be able to trace his or her ancestry to Thomas Munson or another original settler of the colony at New Haven, Connecticut, in 1639. Applicants must be applying for or currently enrolled in an accredited masters or doctoral graduate program of any major or discipline, or a professional program such as law school, engineering school, or medical school. This award is not renewable.

**Target applicants:** Graduating college/university seniors or individuals with a completed undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university.

**Amount:** \$5,000

**Number of awards:** 1

**Deadline:** March 1

**How to apply:** The application process and materials can be found online at <mailto:http://www.thomasmunson.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-TMF-scholarship-application.pdf>. A hard copy of the completed application must be submitted electronically or sent via U.S. mail to the Bloomington, IN address found on page 1 of this application.



## DOCUMENTING YOUR DESCENT FROM A SIGNER OF THE 1639 NEW HAVEN COMPACT

You do not need to be descended from Thomas Munson or related to a member of the Thomas Munson Foundation to apply for a scholarship.

### **Descent from Thomas Munson:**

To document your descent from Thomas Munson, begin your research well in advance of the application deadline.

If you are already registered in the database of Thomas Munson descendants and/or The Munson Record, enter your RN number and clan name on page 4 of the application. No further documentation is needed. Do not enter the number from a Thomas Munson Foundation membership card. It is not an RN number and not a substitute for one.

If you are not already registered or do not know if you are registered, email Mr. Melvyn Douglass, President of the Thomas Munson Foundation, for assistance at [President@thomasmunson.org](mailto:President@thomasmunson.org). In the subject line of your email, write "Request for Genealogy Assistance." You will receive a reply asking for information. Do not wait until the deadline is looming to request assistance.

If you elect to do your own genealogy research instead of requesting assistance, with your application send (1) a copy of your birth certificate and (2) unassailable documentation that establishes your descent from a clan on the Thomas Munson family tree. To research your own genealogy, try Google searches or look for the information on a genealogy website. Some public libraries allow patrons to access genealogy sites at no charge. Submit complete documentation. We may ask you to provide additional information and birth certificates.

### **Descent from another signer of the 1639 New Haven compact:**

If you are descended from a signer of the 1639 FUNDAMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR GOVERNANCE OF NEW HAVEN COLONY other than Thomas Munson, you are eligible to apply for a scholarship, provided you document your descent from your ancestor, send a copy of your birth certificate, and meet all the other application criteria. We may ask you to provide additional information and birth certificates. The following page lists all the signatories to the 1639 Fundamental Agreement document.

# SIGNATORIES OF THE

## 1639 FUNDAMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR GOVERNANCE OF NEW HAVEN COLONY

Mr. Theoph Eaton	Edward Wiggleworth	Benjamin Willmott
Mr. John Davenport	John Clarke	Thomas Powell
Mr. Sam: Eaton	Sam. Whitehead	James Russell
Mr. Robert Newma	John Potter	Peter Browne
Mr. Math Gilbert	Arther Halbidge	John I Thompson
Mr. Nath Turner	Edward Banister	Abraham 3 Bell
Mr. Rich. Malbon	Will Potter	John S Vincent
Mr. Browninge	John Mosse	Tho: Mitchell John + Walker
Mr. Linge	John Charles	Benjamin Pawle
Mr. William Touttle	Richard Beach	Will W Gibbins
Mr. Ceeuers	Tymothy Forde	John Hall
Mr. Perry	John Reader	Richard Merriman
Mr. Craine	John Cogswell	Edw Chipperfield
Mr. Fran: Newman	Mathew Hitchcock	Steuens Metcalf
Mr. Tho: Yale	Francis Hall	William Gibbard
Tho: Fugill	Richard Osborne	Ralph Dayghton
William Andrewes	James Clarke	William Peckke
Richard Beckley	Andrew Hull	Anthony Tompson
John Cooper	Edward Patteson	Christ. Todd
Jarvis Boykin	Will Eues	John Gibbes
John Chapman	Geo: Smith	John Nash
Tho: Kimberley	John Peacock	Adam A Nicholls
John Benham	Mathew Moulthrop	Tho 8 Beamont
Mr. Wilkes	Andr. Messenger	Josua Atwater
Tho: Jeffreyes	Geo: Warde	Thomas Osborne
Robt. Seely	Lawrence Wards	John Wakeman
Nicholas Elsey	Stephen Goodyear	William W Davis
John Budd	Thomas Gregson	Francis N Browne
Rich. Hull	Thomas Nash	Robert Pigg
Will Preston	William Jeanes	Nath Merriman
John Brockett	Jno Evance	Roger Alling
Jer Dixon	Thomas Munson	Henry h Peck
Robt. Hill	John Liuermore	Marke Pierce
Andrew Low	Jeremy Whetnell	Theophilus Higginson
Will Thorpe	Luke Atkinson	David Atwater
John Ponderson	Thomas Morris	Mathew Camfeld
John Johnson	William Russill (Russell)	