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The Elks National Foundation (ENF) has kicked off the 2025-2026 scholarship year. Here are the details!

Most Valuable Student (MVS) Contest

The 2026 MVS application is now available online at enf.elks.org/MVS. The application deadline is **November 12, 2025**. The Elks National Foundation scholarships are based on academics, financial need and leadership.

Local judging by the Nampa Elks Lodge Scholarship Committee is done in December, with the top three boys and top three girls as our lodge winners. We award the scholarships in May, with the checks made payable to their college. Based on their scores, applicants can advance to district, state and national levels.

MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year college degree on a full-time basis (minimum 12 semester hours) at a U.S. college next school year. Some important applicant details include:

- Current high school seniors who are citizens of the United States and are eligible to apply.
- Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks.
- Male and female students compete separately.

Applicants select the Elks Lodge closest to their home address. Please have your students chose Nampa Elks Lodge #1389 as their sponsoring lodge. Complete details are at enf.elks.org/MVS.

For questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Howe".

Christine Howe

Scholarship Co-Chairman

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kari Wallace".

Kari Wallace

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2026 ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



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, 2025**
at enf.elks.org/MVS

DEADLINE

On or before **November 12, 2025**
Counselor Report due **November 19, 2025**



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2026 CONTEST TIMELINE

AUGUST 1, 2025

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



NOVEMBER 12, 2025

- ▶ Application Deadline

DECEMBER 2025 - JANUARY 2026

- ▶ Lodge and District Judging
- ▶ Quarter-Finalist Application Opens
Transcript Required

FEBRUARY 2026

- ▶ State Judging
- ▶ Semi-Finalist Application Opens
FAFSA Submission Summary Required

MARCH 2026

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

APRIL 30-MAY 3, 2026

- ▶ 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.