



## Essential Information for Applicants

### About the scholarship

The Thomas K. Evans Memorial Scholarship is a merit-based, one-time gift for new college entrants pursuing education in science, technology, engineering and math. The scholarship was founded in 2017 to encourage bright, creative young people to achieve and excel in these important disciplines to change the world for the better.

One scholarship in the amount of \$5,000 shall be awarded per year.

Please note that the funder(s) of the Thomas K. Evans Memorial Scholarship, at their sole discretion, reserve the right to award more than one scholarship and/or to increase the amount of any scholarship without prior notice of any kind.

### Scoring

Scholarship applications are scored individually by a team of volunteers, who then meet to discuss the applications and their scores. The team then selects the winning student by consensus.

In general, applications are scored based upon the following criteria in order of importance: 1) Serious interest in STEM as evidenced by scholastic achievement and/or involvement in STEM-related activities; 2) Financial inability of the student to pursue education without assistance; and 3) Overall quality of the application package (application form, essay, and letter of reference).

### Qualifications

Applicants must meet each of the following requirements to be considered for the scholarship. Applicants who do not meet each of the requirements below will not be considered. To be qualified for the scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a high school junior or senior with an expected 2021 graduation date;
- Be graduating from a high school whose physical address is located in the Quad-Cities. For the purpose of this scholarship, the Quad-Cities shall be defined as the cities of Bettendorf, Davenport, East Moline, Eldridge, Moline, Pleasant Valley and Rock Island. The school can be public or private.
- Plan to matriculate into an accredited college program in 2021; and
- Plan to pursue an education with a major or specific focus in science, technology, engineering and/or math.

### Important dates

- **Application deadline:** Noon, March 1, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted. Please note that all materials, including letters of reference, must be received by this date.
- **Anticipated award notification:** May 3, 2021
- **Award:** A check in the full amount of \$5,000 will be made payable to the Bursar's Office at the selected student's school.

## How to apply

Qualified applicants are required to complete an application form, write a short essay, and provide one letter of reference:

### 1. Application

Complete the Scholarship Application Form.

If you cannot complete the form electronically, please print it and complete it by hand. If you do this, be sure to write legibly. Illegible forms will be discarded, thus disqualifying the applicant.

### 2. Essay

Read and follow the Essay Guidelines and Prompt.

If you cannot type your essay, please write it by hand on lined paper. If you do this, you must write legibly. Illegible essays will be discarded, thus disqualifying the applicant.

The completed application form and essay may be e-mailed as attachments to [scholarship@americanpowerinc.com](mailto:scholarship@americanpowerinc.com) or sent via US Mail to the following address:

Thomas K. Evans Memorial Scholarship  
426 W. 2nd Street  
Davenport, IA 52801

### 3. Letter of reference

The person providing the letter of reference should send it directly to:

[scholarship@americanpowerinc.com](mailto:scholarship@americanpowerinc.com)

*or*

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Please note that copies of reference letters cannot be provided to anyone, even the applicant about whom the letter is written. If the applicant wishes to review the reference letter, they should make arrangements directly with the person writing it.

## Questions

Questions about the scholarship may be e-mailed to [scholarship@americanpowerinc.com](mailto:scholarship@americanpowerinc.com).