

## 2026 Mid-Continent Color Guard Association Scholarship Application Information

To begin the application process, you will need to collect the following:.

- Written essay using the guidelines below.\*
- Two Letters of recommendation\*
- High School and/or College Transcript\*
- Statement from group director stating that they have approved this applicant (one applicant per group)

\*These items need to be in PDF format and will be attached at the end of the online application.

*Director recommendation must be completed by the unit director registered as primary contact under MCCGA. Additional letters of recommendation may be collected and submitted by the applicant, or applicants may send the link below to the writers to submit themselves. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all materials and recommendations are completed and submitted on time*

Please complete your essay prior to attempting the application. You will not be able to save your application once you have started the process. You will need to complete the necessary contact, group and school information, essay, and then submit the application.

The 2026 MCCGA Scholarship Application is available on our website and below.

<https://forms.gle/D4rZqVAzrs1i5yHE9>

***The scholarship deadline is March 2, 2026***

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See page two for essay requirements.

### **Essay Parameters:**

Give information on the following topics in essay format. Essays will be scored on the specific topics asked for below. Essays must be typed and in pdf format when submitted.

1. Academic progress: This includes grade point average, class load, challenges that you've overcome in your academic endeavors.
2. Extracurricular activities: Including all specific scholastic, recreational and civic activities including pageantry. Please identify specific roles, accomplishments, and responsibilities for these activities. Include the number of seasons (color guard, percussion, winter guard, or winter percussion) you have been a member of pageantry.
3. Future plans: What are your plans and goals for post-high school education, both in academics and career focus. Where do you want to be in five years?
4. Why do you feel you need this scholarship?