



# THE PURDY EMERGING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP



Support for Missouri students who  
exemplify outstanding leadership

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INFORMATION & APPLICATION PROCESS

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## ABOUT

The Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation (MSLF) was created in 2010 and is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation. MSLF was formed by MOHELA to help make higher education more accessible and affordable for Missouri families. By providing scholarships and low-cost student loans, MSLF supports persistence to graduation from institutions of higher education by Missouri citizens.

## MISSION

Provide innovative products and services to help Missouri students, particularly those with insufficient financial resources, to prepare for, enter into and successfully complete higher education at Missouri institutions.

## VISION

That all Missouri students have access to the financial assistance necessary to make higher education affordable.

## The Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship

### PROGRAM

The Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program, named in honor of Allan Walker Purdy, is designed to provide merit-based scholarships to emerging leaders who are outstanding students and who have a need for additional resources for higher education. This scholarship supports candidates who demonstrate academic merit, strong leadership potential and exceptional character. Additionally, these students have a vision, are eager to make their contribution to the world and have the work ethic to bring their dreams to fruition.

### DETAILS

- ✦ Offered to undergraduate-level students attending Missouri public four-year institutions and the State Technical College of Missouri. The scholarship amount can vary based on an applicant's circumstances and the general range will be \$2,000-\$5,000 based on expected family contribution (EFC), unmet need and other factors.
- ✦ Student level in college: sophomore, junior or senior.
- ✦ Eligible students must be considered full-time status and making satisfactory academic progress.
- ✦ Generally, a cumulative college GPA of 3.0 or higher is required.
- ✦ Student's EFC range (as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)) will factor into decision - higher need students will be weighted heavier in the application process. Unmet need will also be a factor.
- ✦ Students will be required to complete an application packet providing information about themselves.
- ✦ A recommendation from an instructor, counselor, advisor, supervisor or other similarly qualified individual is required.
- ✦ The scholarship can be renewed annually by completing a new application: program funding will be determined annually by the Missouri Scholarship & Loan Foundation's Board of Directors.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications must be submitted online via Scholarship Central. Once the completed application is received, the application will be reviewed by a committee and applicants will be notified if a scholarship is awarded or not in mid-to-late July. The funds will be sent to the Financial Aid Office in mid-August for the eligible student and must be used to cover the cost of attendance (as determined by the school). The Financial Aid Office should process funds for the selected students using their normal institutional processes and procedures.

Scholarships are available under the Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program at the discretion of the MSLF in accordance with program rules and applicable law. Scholarship applications will be considered, provided that funding designated for this program remains available. Once all appropriate documentation has been completed, submitted to MSLF, and reviewed by MSLF, scholarship applicants will be notified. Scholarship funds will be sent to the Financial Aid Office. The Financial Aid Office will verify that the student meets the scholarship criteria.



## About Allan Purdy

Allan Walker Purdy was a visionary leader. Born in 1914 on a farm near Macon, Missouri, he was the first in his family to attend a four-year college. Mr. Purdy worked in the University of Missouri's College of Agriculture before becoming the campus's first director of scholarships and student financial aid. He was the founding president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and helped create the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA), spending 20 years on MOHELA's governing board. Mr. Purdy's leadership in the financial aid industry is unparalleled. He believed in using one's voice and knowledge to help students and families obtain higher education.

## ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS AND DETAILS:

The application deadline is **JUNE 15** of the current year. Your application must be submitted online through the Scholarship Central application process. You can link to Scholarship Central at [www.moslf.org](http://www.moslf.org). Once you set up a profile, you will be able to save information, apply for other scholarships and submit your application using the central online application.

### Steps to apply for the Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship:

1. Make sure you meet these criteria before applying:
  - ✓ Missouri resident
  - ✓ Typically a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA will be considered
  - ✓ Sophomore, Junior or Senior in college
  - ✓ US Citizen
  - ✓ Attending a Missouri public, four-year university or the State Technical College of Missouri
2. Go to [www.moslf.org](http://www.moslf.org) where you will find the link to Scholarship Central. Once you are on Scholarship Central, create an account.
  - Enter a valid e-mail address and password to create a secure user profile that will allow you to complete the general application.
  - The system will send you an e-mail and you must click on that to confirm your account and password before you can proceed.
3. Complete the General Application.
  - Once you have confirmed your account password, login again to Scholarship Central to complete the General Application. This asks for your contact information, GPA, college and other information.
  - You will need to upload your most current transcript.
4. Click on opportunity and select "Ours", then select the "Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship".



### DOCUMENTS NEEDED

- Most recent college transcripts
- Student Aid Report
- Financial Aid Award letter

**5. Upload the following items within the application:**

- Student Aid Report (SAR), which is the document resulting from the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA may be filed online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.
- Financial Aid Award Letter for the college you plan to attend, if it is available by the June 15 application deadline. If you do not have it uploaded, you will be contacted to email the document before an award is considered.

**6. You will be asked to answer the following questions. Please answer these questions in 50 words or more:**

- How have you been involved in the community or on your campus?
- What are the most important values you demonstrate as an emerging leader and how have you demonstrated those in your life?
- If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?
- Who is a leader you respect and why do you respect him/her?
- How would receiving the Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship help you achieve your educational goals and further your leadership path?

7. Recommendation Requirement: You will be required to enter the name and e-mail address of an instructor, counselor, advisor, supervisor or other similarly qualified individual who will answer questions and submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf. This person should not be related to you. NOTE: As the applicant, it is your responsibility to inform that person to watch for an email sent on your behalf that will explain how to complete this process.

8. By completing the application process, you are authorizing MSLF and its agents to examine, verify and discuss your academic and/or financial records and other information which applies to the consideration of the application. On Scholarship Central, you will also certify that all answers are accurate and truthful to the best of your knowledge, and that all information in the application and essays are your own work. The decisions made regarding your participation in this program are made by the MSLF in reliance upon the truth and correctness of your statements.

9. Scroll through the list and apply for other scholarship opportunities. Once you have completed your general application, you will see a list of scholarships for which you might be eligible. Scholarship Central includes applications to many other scholarships. You will need to apply for each of these scholarships individually after completing the General Application on Scholarship Central. Scholarship Central does not automatically apply for scholarships for you; you need to complete the questions for each scholarship to complete your application.

Please note you can only apply for a scholarship while it is accepting applications. Most scholarships accept applications January through April. Check Scholarship Central frequently to find ones that meet your needs.



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