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# Leading Scholar Award

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# Overview

- The Leading Scholar Award is Michigan Tech's **premier scholarship program**
- Academically talented high school seniors **with leadership experience** are encouraged to apply
- General academic guidelines
  - **3.3 or higher** cumulative GPA (on a 4.00 scale)
  - ACT & SAT scores not considered for incoming fall 2021 students



# Value

- **Michigan Residents**
  - Top awards are valued at full tuition, room and board, and \$1,000
  - All other finalists receive \$10,000
  - Renewable for 4 years (8 semesters)
- **Non-Michigan Residents**
  - Top awards are valued at full nonresident tuition
  - All other finalists receive \$20,000
  - Renewable for 4 years (8 semesters)
- **Alumni Legacy and Military Family Education Recipients**
  - Finalist will receive the Michigan value of their scholarship



A photograph of four young women in winter clothing (beanies, jackets) sitting on a wooden sled in a snowy field under a blue sky. They are smiling and looking towards the camera.

# How to Apply

- Complete the free application for admission
- Create an account at [go.mtu.edu/apply](https://go.mtu.edu/apply)
- Have the contact information ready for a recommender/mentor
- Write approximately a one-page essay (3,000 characters including spaces)

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# Apply for Admission



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FIRST-YEAR  
Application

1 **About You**

2 **Academics**

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## First time here?

This application can be completed in one sitting. Take a look, or get started filling it out right now. Once you do, we'll send you your User Name and help you set up a custom password.

Have you already started your application? [Click here to log in.](#)

### Personal Information

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

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[Log in](#) to continue an application.

**First-time users:**

[Create an account](#) to start a new application.

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If you have set up your Application Portal, use the email and password you use to check your admissions application status.

**First-time users:**

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If you have applied for admission, but not set up your Application Portal, check your email for a message: Set up your Application Portal.

Use the unique link and temporary password.

Email [mtu4u@mtu.edu](mailto:mtu4u@mtu.edu) if you need the Portal email resent.

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## Michigan Tech Application

### Your Applications

Type	Status	Started	Submitted
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You have not yet started an application using this account.

[Start New Application](#)

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# Leading Scholar Application

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Your Application Type

You have not yet

**Application Details** [X]

Started	08/15/2019
Status	In Progress
	Michigan Technological University Undergraduate Application
	Leading Scholar Award Application

[X]

Start

[X]

Open Application Cancel

Create Application Cancel

# Recommendation Letter



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## Leading Scholar Award Application

The Leading Scholar Award is Michigan Technological University's most prestigious award available to incoming first-year students who are US citizens. You must have the following to submit your application

- One (1) letter of recommendation
- A one-page essay

### Letter of Recommendation

- You must submit your mentor's name, organization they work with, title, relationship to you, and email address.
- Your recommendation should come from a teacher, counselor, coach, or community member (we strongly encourage you not to use a family member).
- It may be beneficial to create a list of your accomplishments and provide this to your mentor.
- You may change who you have selected to submit your recommendation, but keep in mind your mentor must submit their recommendation October 15 at 11:59 p.m.

To **change your recommender**: click Edit next to their name, then click Exclude on the next page. Return to this screen and select Add Recommender.

To **send a reminder to your recommender**: click Edit next to their name, then click on Send Reminder on the next page.

Name	Status
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# Recommendation Letter

Add Recommender

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

Organization

Position/Title

Relationship

Telephone

Email

Note: Use your recommender's institutional or corporate email address. Submissions from anonymous email addresses (Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo) may be subject to additional review.

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# Essay Submission

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## Leading Scholar Award Application

### Essay

Here are tips to consider when developing and submitting your essay.

- Answer the essay question based on your leadership experience.
- The essay is limited to 3,000 characters including spaces (about one page).
- Provide your essay response directly below or copy/paste from a word processing program.
- You may return to this application to update your essay until October 15 at 11:59 p.m. (eastern time).

#### Essay Question:

Leaders have the ability to ask outstanding questions that make people think and inspire action. What question do you feel you should answer for this scholarship application? Tell us your question and provide your answer. Be sure to draw on your leadership experience or include your future leadership goals in your response. There is no wrong answer (or question), so have fun and don't be afraid to think outside the box.

Leading Scholar Essay Text

3000 characters remaining

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# Submitting Your Application



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## Review

If you are satisfied with your application and are ready to submit it, click **Submit Application**.

**Submit Application**

**Save for Later**

# Updating your Application

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Thank you for submitting your Leading Scholar application. Return to this portal to check the status of your letter of recommendation and view your finalist status. Finalists will be notified by November 10. If you have questions, contact the Financial Aid staff by email at [leadingscholars@mtu.edu](mailto:leadingscholars@mtu.edu) or call 906-487-2622. View other [scholarship opportunities](#) or use the [net-price calculator](#) to estimate your financial aid package.

## Application Checklist

Status	Details	Date
✖ Awaiting	Recommendation from A Granik, MTU Sent to recommender on 08/15/2019.	

To re-send notification emails to your recommenders, re-visit the [recommendations page](#), click "Edit", and then click "Send Reminder".

## Update Your Essay (optional)

If you wish, you may update your essay until October 15 at 11:59 p.m. (eastern time). Your response should be based on your leadership experience.

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This is my most amazing essay about my leadership experience.

2939 characters remaining

Submit



# Deadlines

- Apply by October 15
- Mentors submit letter by October 15



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# Essay Tips

- Be distinctive

- What have you done that benefits your school or community
- Where have you travelled to that made an impact globally

- Don't over think the essay

- Write about what you want to write about
- Tell us your story (avoid the resume)

- Proofread your work

- Length

- Longer isn't necessarily better

- More tips

- See [mtu.edu/finaid/students/current/leading](http://mtu.edu/finaid/students/current/leading)





# Virtual Finalist Program

- Welcome
- Leadership activities with finalists, led by Amy Climer
- Meeting with faculty
- Leading Scholar Tech Pal
- Michigan Tech Showcase
- Financial Aid Q & A
- Housing Q & A
- Parent /Student Panel
- Reflection Video

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# Timeline

- October 15: Application Deadline
- October 15: Recommendation submission deadline
- November 15: Finalist Notifications on Application Portal
- November/December: Virtual Finalist Events
- January 1 (latest): Scholarship decisions are made





# Questions?

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