



Scholarship Application 2026

General Information and Eligibility

In 2025, the American Gear Manufacturers Association (AGMA) and the American Bearing Manufacturers Association (ABMA) merged to form the Motion + Power Manufacturers Alliance (MPMA), creating a unified organization representing the gear and bearing industries. As a result of this merger, the AGMA Foundation changed its name to MPMA Foundation.

The 2026 MPMA Foundation Scholarship Program is open to students interested in a career in the gear or bearing industries, and/or power transmission as it relates to the gear or bearing industry. Applicants must be enrolled or recently accepted as full- or part-time students in a nationally accredited program in the United States or Canada. Annual scholarships are available for those enrolled at technical/associate, undergraduate, and graduate schools.

Strong preference is given to applicants with connections to MPMA member companies, including current or recent employment, internships, or co-op experience. Preference is also given to applicants with experience working in the gear, bearing, and/or power transmission industry.

Scholarship funds are paid directly to the educational institution and may be used for tuition, room and board, textbooks, and materials. Scholarships are awarded in August of each year and paid in two installments – half in September of that year, and the second installment in March of the following year. Students who do not continue school in the spring semester forfeit the second payment.

Applications must be received by foundation@agma.org no later than **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 5:00 pm ET.**

The scholarship levels, renewal policies, and award amounts are:

1. Technical school/associate degree students are eligible for a scholarship award of up to \$2,500. Many students are attending school part-time, so students should apply for the funding needed for classes in that academic year. **The scholarship is renewable in additional years, for a maximum aggregate of \$7,500 in funding at this level.** Scholarship renewal is not automatic; applicants MUST submit a full and timely application to be considered for additional scholarship awards. Scholarships awarded at the technical school/associate degree level do not disqualify a student from applying for a scholarship(s) at higher levels and do not count towards the maximum funding aggregate at higher levels.
2. Undergraduate students are eligible for up to a \$5,000 scholarship award. *(Recent lower award examples have been \$1,000 to Freshman and \$2,500 to Sophomores)* Awards are made at the discretion of the MPMA Foundation Trustees and are based on the experience of students and the number of eligible scholarship awardees for a given year. **The scholarship is renewable at the undergrad level for a maximum of three additional years, for a maximum aggregate of \$15,000 in funding at this level.** Previous Foundation scholarships awarded as a technical/associate degree student do count towards the \$15,000 undergraduate-level aggregate. Scholarship renewal is not automatic; applicants MUST submit a full and timely application to be considered for additional scholarships.

3. Graduate students are eligible for up to a \$5,000 scholarship awards. Awards are made at the discretion of the MPMA Foundation Trustees and are based on the experience of students and the number of eligible scholarship awardees for a given year. **The scholarship is renewable at the graduate level for a maximum of one additional year, for a maximum aggregate of \$10,000 in funding at this level.**

Previous Foundation scholarships awarded as a technical/associate or undergraduate degree student do not count towards the \$10,000 Graduate level aggregate. Scholarship renewal is not automatic; applicants MUST submit a full and timely application to be considered for additional scholarships.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

MPMA Foundation has two named scholarships that will be presented to a student that comes in through the general scholarship process. These are not additional dollars, they are an additional honor for a submitting student.

Linda & Bipin Doshi Scholarship

Former owners of Schafer Industries, Linda & Bipin established a scholarship fund in 2018. Scholarships are awarded each year out of this fund to top applicants pursuing a career in the gear industry, or in power transmission as it relates to the gear industry.

Tedric A. Harris Bearing Industry Scholarship

In honor of Professor Tedric A. Harris, a program was established in 2011 for bearing manufacturing interns or co-op participants at MPMA member companies.

Evaluation Criteria

Each application will be awarded points based on the following criteria. It is in your best interest to provide as much information as you can:

1. Grade Point Average – must be 3.0 or higher for undergraduate and graduate students, and 2.0 or higher for technical/associate degree students
2. Internship, co-op, work, community, volunteer, and other extracurricular activities
3. Work experience in the gear, bearing and/or power transmission industry
4. Two letters of recommendation which need to be sent directly to foundation@motionpower.org
5. Honors, awards, and other recognitions of the student's work and leadership skills
6. Personal statement regarding proposed program and study, career goals, and financial need.
7. For graduate-level scholarships: Relevance of graduate-level research to the gear, bearing and/or power transmission industry

Reporting Requirements

1. The scholarship year runs from September 1 to August 31. All recipients are required to submit a mid-year progress report by January 31. Failure to submit a mid-year report will make the student ineligible for the March scholarship payment. This report needs to include:
 - a. A copy of a transcript or other document that shows coursework related to the power transmission industry, and proof you took courses at the school during the designated semester. *(Students who change their major to a non-manufacturing major after the first semester will not be able to receive the second payment).*
 - b. A short description of the student work that would be suited to be shared on the MPMA Foundation website, in donor mailings, through social media posts, and the like. By sending the description you are permitting the MPMA Foundation to share its contents.
 - c. One photo showing a student in some capacity relevant to the scholarship – working in a lab, club activity, class, etc.

Extension of Time and Failure to Comply

A written request for an extension of reporting deadlines, with no additional funding, must detail the reason(s) for the request and be received by the Foundation 30 days before the expiration of the scholarship term. Failure of the scholarship recipient to comply with the policies governing this scholarship may be grounds for early termination of the scholarship and/or denial of any future consideration by the Foundation for any of its programs.