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This application **cannot** be submitted as an official Most Valuable Student Scholarship application. Its express purpose is to provide you with a detailed account of what is on the online application.

Instructions

Before you begin the application you must agree to the eligibility requirements listed below. All requirements below must be met for your Elks Most Valuable Student application to be considered. **If you complete an application but do not meet the scholarship eligibility, your application will not be reviewed.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 12, 2025 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time Zone

ISTS and The Elks National Foundation, Inc. encourage applicants to use a personal email address for this application. To update the email address associated with your account, click on My Profile in the top right corner of your ISTS Home page.

Citizenship Requirement

U.S. Citizenship is required for all MVS applicants. If you are a U.S. Citizen who currently resides outside of the U.S., you are still eligible to apply.

***I understand that I must be a U.S. Citizen.** – Select from drop down

***Citizenship Status** – Select from drop down

***Country of Residence** – Select from drop down

Applicant Agreement

It is your responsibility to communicate with your School Counselor regarding the required Counselor Report. If the Counselor Report is not submitted, your application will be incomplete and will not be considered for the MVS Scholarship contest. The Counselor Report can be found on the Counselor Report tab of this application. We highly recommend sending your school counselor the report request as early as possible.

***I understand that it is MY responsibility to communicate with my School Counselor regarding the Counselor Report.** – Select from drop down

If selected as a Semi-Finalist, you will need to provide your 2026-27 FAFSA Submission Summary. Even if you are not planning on submitting the FAFSA for other aid, the Submission Summary is required for the MVS contest. You can file your FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov. **Note:** *We recommend submitting your FAFSA application as soon as it opens. If advanced on to the Semi-Finalist round of the contest in February, you will be required to submit your Submission Summary.*

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***I understand that it is MY responsibility to complete my FAFSA as soon as possible so my FAFSA Submission Summary will be available if I am selected as a Semi-Finalist.** – Select from drop down

Only applications that meet eligibility requirements and are complete by the deadline will be considered. All deadlines will be clearly listed on each application and the corresponding FAQs and notifications. ***No deadline extensions will be granted during the entirety of the Most Valuable Student contest period.***

***I understand that it is MY responsibility to make sure that this and all future applications are complete by their respective deadlines for me to continue to be eligible to win an MVS scholarship.** – Select from drop down

***I understand that email will be the primary form of communication throughout the contest. It is MY responsibility to check my email regularly for updates on the application process and any communications on next steps, like submitting additional information.** – Select from drop down

***All personal details and experiences I share are my own lived experience and not the creation of AI or a fabrication. I understand that providing false, misleading or incomplete information is a form of fraud and a violation of professional ethics.** – Select from drop down

You must acknowledge that you understand all of the eligibility requirements and click the button below to proceed to the application.

Eligibility

Thank you for your interest in the **Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship**. To be eligible for this award, you must:

- be a current graduating high school senior and be under the age of 20. Current college students are not eligible.
- be a citizen of the United States on the date your application is submitted; lawful permanent resident status does not qualify.

You do not have to be a member (or the dependent of a member) of the Elks.

How to Apply

To complete this application:

- Complete all the required fields on this form.
- Request the Counselor Report. (Found on the Counselor page. You will need your Counselor's name and email address.)
- Click the **Submit** button on the Save/Submit page.

It is your responsibility, as the applicant, to monitor your Home page and ensure a **Complete** application status

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Application Deadline

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If selected as a Quarter Finalist, you will be required to provide your **High School Transcript** in January. If you then progress to the Semi-Finalist level, you will need to provide your **2026-27 FAFSA Submission Summary** in February. **Note:** We recommend submitting your FAFSA application as soon as it opens. If advanced on to the Semi-Finalist round of the contest in February, you will be required to submit your Submission Summary

Need Help?

Click here for contact information and FAQs.

In the event that you need assistance with this application for any reason, please contact ISTS Program Support at ElksMVS@applyISTS.com.

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Click on a question to reveal the answer.

- **Who is eligible to apply?**

To be eligible for this award, you must:

- *be a current graduating high school senior and be under the age of 20. Current college students are not eligible.*
- *be a citizen of the United States on the date your application is submitted; lawful permanent resident status does not qualify. You do not have to be a member (or the dependent of a member) of the Elks.*

- **When is the application deadline?**

  November 12, 2025 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time Zone

- **When is the Counselor Report deadline?**

  November 19, 2025 at 11:59 PM Pacific Time Zone

- **What is the Program timeline?**

  - *Application Open: August 1, 2025*
  - *Application Deadline: November 12, 2025*
  - *Counselor Report Deadline: November 19, 2025*
  - *Notification to Quarter Finalists: January 16, 2026*
  - *Quarter Finalist Application Deadline: February 2, 2026*
  - *Notification to National Semi-Finalists: February 27, 2026*
  - *National Semi-Finalist Application Deadline: March 11, 2026*
  - *National Semi-Finalist Teacher Evaluation Deadline: March 11, 2026*
  - *Notification to National Finalists: Late March 2026*
  - *Leadership Weekend: April 30-May 3, 2026*

- **Which school should I list on the application if I have not made a final decision?**

  You should list your first-choice school on the application. You can change your college choice anytime prior to the end of the application period. If selected as a recipient, you will be asked to confirm your final school choice. If your school changes after the acceptance period, you will be able to update this information on your ***My Profile*** *page.*

- **Should I submit all of my information before I request my Counselor Report?**

  You should request your Counselor Report as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for the Report to be submitted by the Counselor Report deadline. You do not have to wait until all other portions of your application are complete before requesting your Counselor Report.

- **What supporting documentation is required for this application?**

  - *Initial Application: No supporting documents are required to complete this application.*

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- *Quarter Finalist Application: You will be required to provide your High School Transcript.*
- *Semi-Finalist Application: You will be required to provide your 2026-27 FAFSA Submission Summary.*

Note: We recommend submitting your FAFSA application as soon as it opens. If advanced on to the Semi Finalist round of the contest in February, you will be required to submit your Submission Summary.

- **Additional questions?**
  Click here *for contact information and FAQs.*
  In the event that you need assistance with this application for any reason, please contact ISTS Program Support at ***ElksMVS@applyISTS.com.***

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Elks Lodge Selection

Please enter the ZIP Code and State for your home address.

***ZIP Code** – Enter Zip Code

***State** – Select from drop down

Based on the zip code you entered, the closest five (5) Elks Lodges within that state will be shown below. Please select a Lodge from the drop down. If you have been in contact with your local Lodge, please be sure to select that Lodge. If a Lodge you are looking for is not on the list, please contact the Elks National Foundation at scholarship@elks.org.

***Lodge Selection** – Select drop down of 5 closest lodges in state from zip

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Applicant Demographics

***First Name**

Middle Initial

***Last Name**

Suffix

***Address**

Apt/Floor/Unit

***City State/Province**

***Postal Code**

***Country of Residence**

***Sex**

Ethnicity

***Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)**

***To prevent errors in eligibility, please confirm the date of birth listed above is the correct month, date and year.**

Notifications

All notifications regarding the status of your application will be sent to **user@unknown.com.** This program *may* offer notifications via phone and text message. Your contact information is never sold to a third party. Your contact information will only be used to alert you to your application status.

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***If offered by this program, would you like to opt in to receiving alerts via text message? Standard text messaging rates apply.**

***Primary Phone (Example: 6157773750)**

***How did you hear about the MVS application?**

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High School Information

***High School Country**

***High School State**

***High School City**

***High School Name**

***High School Graduation Date (mm/dd/yyyy)**

***Are you a Graduating Senior?**

Click **New** to add your Principal and Guidance Counselor's contact information. Note: you will be unable to delete a table row once added, however if you no longer need that row, indicate N/A or0 in any required fields.

Principal Name	Principal Email	Principal Phone	Academic Counselor Name	Academic Counselor Email	Academic Counselor Phone

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Senior Year Fall Class Schedule

Please provide a schedule of your seventh semester classes. These are the classes you will take during the first semester of your senior year. Also mark if the classes are Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or Dual Enrollment at a local college.

Click **New** to add multiple items. If you need to edit the information you have already provided, click **Edit** at the end of that row, or click on the row to select and click **Edit** at the bottom of the section. You must be in edit mode to make any changes to the information you have provided, including check boxes. You will not be able to add a row without providing all of the required information. Note: you will be unable to delete a table row once added however if you no longer need that row, indicate N/A or 0 in any required fields.

Class Title	Honors	Advanced Placement	International Baccalaureate	Dual Enrollment

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College/University

If you have not finalized your college choice, provide your first-choice school.

***Institution State**

***Institution Name**

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***Institution Type**

Mark the degree you are most currently seeking as it applies to this application. Do not mark any degrees you intend to pursue at a later date.

***Intended Major**

***Are you a first-generation college student?**

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Counselor Report

Your Counselor Report must be submitted by your school counselor by **November 19, 2025**. Your counselor will provide your GPA and other academic information. ***It is your responsibility to ensure the Counselor Report is completed by the deadline. If your counselor does not submit the report by the deadline, your application will not be considered.***

- You are required to have one Counselor Report submitted in addition to your application to be **Complete**.
- To send an email containing the instructions for completing the form, click **Create Request.**
- Enter the name and email address of your school counselor, and click **Submit**. *If you do not provide an email address, it will be your responsibility to print the instructions and deliver them to your counselor. To print the instructions to complete the Counselor Report click* **Print Instructions** *below*.

Form Name	Status
Counselor Report*	Create Request

*Applicant: **DO NOT** use the counselor's code to view the Counselor Report form. **This will cause your application to become VOID**. The code is unique to your counselor and can only be used once. If anyone other than your counselor uses the code, they will no longer be able to complete the form.*

To provide your counselor with a new code, create a new request and a new code will be generated for your counselor.

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Financial Information

Provide information from the most recent Federal income tax return of the parent(s) who claimed you, the applicant, as a dependent.

- Enter numbers only
- Do not provide, as the applicant, your personal tax information.

If you are selected as a Semi-Finalist, you will be required to upload a copy of your **FAFSA Submission Summary.** If you have not yet submitted your FAFSA application, **click here. Note:** *We recommend submitting your FAFSA application as soon as it opens. If advanced on to the Semi-Finalist round of the contest in February, you will be required to submit your Submission Summary*.

***Household Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)**

***Number of people in the household**

***Number of dependents attending college in Fall 2026 (Including yourself)**

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Additional Information

Use the space below to provide the Scholarship Selection Committee with any additional information you wish to share about your family's financial situation and special circumstances.

Word Limit: 500

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Resume Instructions

Important:

- Use full names and descriptions.
- Provide a detailed account of the activity and your role.
- Be thorough in your responses.
- Each activity should only be listed once. It should not be listed in multiple categories below.
- Resumes cannot be uploaded in lieu of completing this form.
- Do not use acronyms or abbreviations.

Click **New** to add multiple items within a section. If you need to edit the information you have already provided, click **Edit** at the end of that row, or click on the row to select and click **Edit** at the bottom of the section. You must be in edit mode to make any changes to the information you have provided, including check boxes**.** You will not be able to add a row without providing all of the required information. You will not be able to delete any extra rows.

Resume

Provide a full description of unpaid activities not required for school credit done between **September 1, 2022 and August 1, 2025**, starting with the most recent. List approximate total hours, not average hours per week. **Do not use acronyms or abbreviations.** Note: you will be unable to delete a table row once added, however if you no longer need that row, indicate N/A or 0 in any required fields.

Full Community Service Description	Organization	Total Hours (Numbers Only)	Duration of Involvement

List your **principal** leadership roles and extracurricular activities, in the order of importance to you. State the name of the organization or club, your grade level during participation, hours-per-week commitment, the number of weeks-per-year you participated, and leadership role you held. Examples include, but are not limited to, student government, publications, debate, orchestra/band, varsity athletics, church groups, performing arts, service programs, etc.. **Do not use acronyms or abbreviations.** *Note: you will be unable to delete a table row once added, however if you no longer need that row, indicate N/A or 0 in any required fields.*

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Extracurricular Activity	9	10	11	12	Hours per Week (Numbers Only)	Weeks per Year (Numbers Only)

List scholastic, extracurricular, and civic honors and awards received during grades 9 through12. Select the year received, state the nature of award (i.e. Girl Scout Gold Award), and select the level of recognition. **Do not use acronyms or abbreviations,** as we may not understand their meanings. *Note: you will be unable to delete a table row once added, however if you no longer need that row, indicate N/A or 0 in any required fields.*

Honor or Award	9	10	11	12	Level of Recognition

List jobs you have held between **September 1, 2022 and August 1, 2025**. Because the scholarship contest officially begins on August 1, 2025, only list work performed before that date. Start with the most recent and include work on a family farm, for a family business, or internship even if you were not paid. **Do not use acronyms or abbreviations**. *Note: you will be unable to delete a table row once added, however if you no longer need that row, indicate N/A or 0 in any required fields.*

Employer Name	Position	Start Month	Start Year	End Month	End Year	Hours per Week (Numbers Only)	Weeks per Year (Numbers Only)

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Instructions

Pay close attention to both content and word count when writing your essay. For best results, type the essay in your choice of a text editor (e.g. Microsoft® Word) and cut and paste your essay in the space below. We are looking for personal stories with specific examples and detail. It is strongly recommended that you have an advisor or teacher read over your essay before submission. **This essay must be your own lived experience and not a fabrication or creation of AI.**

Essay

How do you define leadership? Using a leadership role from an extracurricular activity or community service activity you prioritize as being important to you, describe how you fulfilled your definition of leadership. Include specific examples of what you contributed, what you learned about yourself, and how the role has influenced your plans for the future. (500 word max)

***Essay**

Word Limit: 500

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You're Almost Done!

Your application has been **saved**. You may now exit and return to finish at a later time, or **Submit** your application below.

Do not wait for your Counselor Report to be Complete before you **Submit** your online application.

You may return at any time prior to the deadline to make changes to the information you provided.

Application Checklist

Use the checklist below to ensure your application is complete by the deadline:

- My online application form is **Submitted.**
- My required Counselor Report has been requested from my school counselor.
- My required Counselor Report has been **Submitted** by my school counselor.
- My application status on my **Home page** reads **Complete.**

Quarter Finalists will be notified via email by the Elks National Foundation in January 2026. Quarter Finalists will be required to upload:

- High School Transcript

Semi-Finalists will be notified via email by the Elks National Foundation in February 2026. Semi-Finalists will be required to upload:

- 2026-27 FAFSA Submission Summary (SAI)

We recommend submitting your FAFA form as soon as it opens in October. If advanced on to the Quarter Finalist round of the contest in January, you will be required to submit your Submission Summary.

Terms and Conditions

I, John Doe, certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information on this application is complete and accurate. Falsification of any information will cause my disqualification from the scholarship competition.

I understand it is my responsibility to make sure the application process is complete by the required deadline. If not, the application may be disqualified from the awards competition and may not be considered for an award.

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This application, upon receipt, becomes the property of the program sponsor and of International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc.

I agree that, if selected as an award winner for the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, the program sponsor or its agents may use my name and likeness and any other information or materials provided in connection with this program for purposes of news, publicity and advertising in all media, including but not limited to print and electronic media, press releases, internet websites, and video media.

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I hereby grant permission for school officials to release secondary school records and other requested information, if necessary.

If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must also agree to these Terms and Conditions.

***I have read and agree to the terms and conditions for submitting this application.**

***I understand it is my responsibility to ensure my application is complete, including that the Counselor Report is submitted by the deadline.**

You will be redirected to your Home page if your submission was successful. You will be able to return to your application to make changes to the information you provided anytime prior to the application deadline.

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