

The Paul Rupprecht Scholarship

The leadership of the Minnesota Hungarians (MH) on the initiative of Edith Lauer, founding member of the Hungarian American Coalition (HAC) to honor the memory of Paul Rupprecht, established this scholarship fund in 2002.

The official name of the fund is **Paul Rupprecht Scholarship**.

Paul Rupprecht for many years had been one of the prominent leaders of the Minnesota Hungarians. He was a member of the Hungarian Communion of Friends and first liaison of the MH to the HAC. Recognizing his talent and fairness, the Governor of Minnesota appointed Paul Rupprecht to the "Governor's Commission on Eastern Europe" for special assignment in 1990-1992. Paul had been a great help to the Hungarian refugees in 1956 and also helped Hungarian students during their stay and studies.

Purpose of the Scholarship:

- * to fulfill the mission of our organization to promote education and cultural values.
- * to provide financial and humanitarian aid for talented and devoted students.
- * to assist Hungarian and Hungarian-American students in their academic years.

The Scholarship is administered by the Minnesota Hungarians, Inc. according to its constitution and bylaws. The scholarship is funded by charity events organized by the Minnesota Hungarians and through individual donations. The Scholarship Fund is permanently established, subject to the availability of funds and the discretion of the Minnesota Hungarians Board of Directors.

Donations to the **Paul Rupprecht Scholarship** fund can be made payable to Minnesota Hungarians and sent to Csilla Grauzer President, 11705 Live Oak Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55305. Checks should include Paul Rupprecht Scholarship in the memo field.

We want to continue our help providing opportunity for education and we are asking you to please support the **Paul Rupprecht Scholarship**. We appreciate your donations. The name of supporters will appear in our yearly report.

Applications should be sent to:

Ms. Csilla Grauzer

Minnesota Hungarians Inc.

11705 Live Oak Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55305

Or

minnesotahungarians@gmail.com

Deadline: May 31

General Conditions

The Paul Rupprecht Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis. The balance in the scholarship fund is reported by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting each November. All aspects of the consideration of applications and award of scholarships will be made by the Board of Directors of Minnesota Hungarians, Inc. The Board of Directors may provide for the selection of award recipients from the completed applications; shall approve any award by the full board; may determine the number of awards, if any; may determine the amount of any award, if any; may reject any and all applicants in its sole discretion; and shall award scholarships limited to the availability of funds. The amount of the scholarship award will generally not exceed \$1000 per year.

To be considered for scholarship grants in excess of \$1000, the applicant should include a copy of his or her FAFSA application.

Funds shall be used for support of expenses associated with school i.e. tuition, books, school equipment and travel passes. The application should be sent to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Hungarians, Inc., by May 31 of the year the applicant's academic studies will commence. The recipient will be notified by June 30 and the funds will be paid in two installments (August 15 and January 15). In certain circumstances the applicant might also be interviewed by a member of the Board of Directors by Skype or telephone.

Students awarded scholarships are eligible to apply for the following year, but their application will be considered along with all other applicants for financial assistance.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a full-time student associated with Minnesota Hungarians or Hungarian citizen or ethnic Hungarian. Age requirement: 18-25.

Requirements for Applicants:

For consideration for the Scholarship, you need to submit the following documents (double-spaced using size 12 font):

1. A cover letter from the applicant stating:
 - career goals
 - relevance of the grant at this time
 - acknowledgment of the requirement to submit a progress report (including academic transcripts) and an expenditure report at the end of the grant period
 - acknowledgement of the requirement to list Minnesota Hungarians support in all presentations/publications if any.
2. Evidence that the applicant has been admitted as a full-time student at an accredited college, university or other educational institution.
3. Academic transcripts of grades and class rank for the most recent two years (for first year university students the last two grades from high school).

4. Curriculum vitae including education and training, activities in and out of school, community oriented work, hobbies etc.
5. Information regarding the applicant's association with the Minnesota Hungarians, proof of Hungarian citizenship or that she/he is an ethnic Hungarian.
6. Two recommendation letters written by teachers on behalf of the candidate endorsing the applicant.

Applicant's Evaluation:

1. Academic transcript grade point average: 2.5-2.99 (25 points); 3.0-3.49 (30 points); 3.5-3.99 (35 points); 4.0 and above (40 points).
2. Knowledge of Hungarian language (20 points).
3. Outstanding involvement in a Hungarian community (15 points).
4. Community involvement and other activities (25 points).
5. Low income (10 points). (FAFSA Application)

Maximum points achievable: 100 points

Minimum points to be considered for scholarship: 50 points.