



# OFFICIAL SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT APPLICATION

Please complete the following application for a scholarship and/or grant through the AMLA Scholarship and Grant Program. Forms should be completed and submitted in accordance with the rules of the AMLA Scholarship and Grant Program.

**Choose the scholarship/grant you are applying for (descriptions on the following page):**

Anna Mae Mannion Scholarship

Dr. Rudolph M. Susel Scholarship --or--

Joseph A. & Albina M. Abram Scholarship

Frank J. Lausche Scholarship

AMLA Grant

AMLA Workman Trade School Grant

Grants are available for Fall, 2026

AMLA Lodge No: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Name: FIRST NAME

M.I. LAST NAME

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address:

(If Different)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 Digits of Your Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father/Guardian:

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian:

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

## SIBLING INFORMATION

Please list unmarried siblings in your family:

FIRST NAME	AGE	IN COLLEGE (Y/N)	SCHOOL?

## HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Accolades: \_\_\_\_\_

## POST-SECONDARY UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Accolades: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional School Information (if applicable)

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Accolades: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

## GRADUATE STUDIES (If applicable)

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Accolades: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES / HOBBIES** (Describe below)

**AMLA ACTIVITIES:** Please list AMLA activities, events, or Lodge Meetings that you have attended:

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS OFFERED IN THIS PROGRAM

**Anna Mae Mannion Scholarship** - For first year college students. This \$2,000 scholarship is the namesake of one of the AMLA's most devoted members. Anna Mae Mannion was a member of the AMLA's Board of Directors for more than 50 years in addition to serving as Lodge President of AMLA Lodge 20. She was involved in many aspects of the Association.

**Dr. Rudolph M. Susel Scholarship** - For students who are already in college for at least one semester. This \$2,000 scholarship is the namesake of the former AMLA *Our Voice* Editor and long-time AMLA Board Member. Dr. Susel was a professor at a prestigious university, and understood the value of a college education.

**Joseph A. and Albina M. Abram Scholarship** - For students who are already in college for at least one semester. This \$2,000 scholarship is the namesake of Joseph A. and Albina M. Abram, long-time AMLA Members who worked to further the benefits of AMLA Membership. The scholarship was established through the generosity of the Abram Family.

**Frank J. Lausche Scholarship** - For students seeking a graduate degree. This \$2,500 scholarship is funded by the Frances J. and Jane S. Lausche Foundation. Frank Lausche was an AMLA Member who was also Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, Governor of the State of Ohio, and Senator representing Ohio. His foundation, named after his mother Frances, and wife Jane, is dedicated to preserving the Slovenian culture and community.

**The AMLA Post-Secondary Educational Grant** - This \$500 grant is awarded according to the rules of the program to applicants pursuing a degree at a college or university.

**The AMLA Workman Trade School Grant** - This \$500 grant is awarded according to the rules of the program to applicants completing coursework at a certified Trade School in the 12 calendar months prior to the January deadline. This grant program was started with a legacy donation from the Slovenian Workmen's Home which was on Waterloo Road in Cleveland.

## CHECKLIST FOR SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT APPLICATION

- 1: Complete this entire application according to the scholarship or grant for which you are applying.
- 2a: **Applicants seeking a scholarship** must complete two (2) essay questions from the list. Answers must be at least 100 words, but not more than 500 words per essay.
- 2b: **Applicants seeking a \$500 Grant** must answer one (1) essay question from the list. Answers must be at least 100 words, but not more than 500 words per essay.
- 3: Applicants must attach transcripts from Spring Semester for Scholarships, and Fall Semester for Grants. Trade School Grants need course completion documentation from the 12 months preceding application deadline and must include proof that applicant paid for the course.
- 4: Applicants must include a photograph of themselves that is at least 2"x 3" (jpg format preferred).
- 5: Read and sign the agreement on page 4.
- 6: Send in the completed application and all necessary attachments in one package. E-mailed applications must have all attachments and enclosures in one email. These should be sent to:  
  
**Member@AmericanMutual.org** with *AMLA Scholarship & Grant Program* in the subject line (Attachments should be less than 10MB in total size).  
  
**Hardcopy applications** should be mailed in one envelope to:  
*AMLA Scholarship & Grant Program  
19424 South Waterloo Road  
Cleveland, Ohio 44119*
7. Save it. If you apply for, but do not receive an AMLA Scholarship, you may use this application to apply for a Grant in this same year with grades from Fall semester.

**DEADLINES: Scholarship Applications must be postmarked by July 8, 2026.  
Grant Applications must be postmarked by January 8, 2027.**

**Take some time to consider the following essay questions. Choose the one(s) you feel you would most like to answer, and share your thoughts with us!**

**ESSAY 1:** A founding principle of AMLA is benevolence and giving back to the community. Describe a service project or volunteer experience that has been particularly meaningful to you.

**ESSAY 2:** The AMLA is an organization that is always striving to improve the lives of its members and build a stronger community. Describe a time when you performed a community service. Include how you feel it impacted the community. How did it impact you?

**ESSAY 3:** The AMLA is an organization that is governed by its members. You, as a member in good standing with the AMLA, have a voice in our organization. How will you use your voice to improve the AMLA, your community, or your country?

**ESSAY 4:** Describe a challenging situation that you've experienced. How did you grow from it, and what did you learn?

**ESSAY 5:** The AMLA offers a benefit here and a benefit there to add up over your lifetime to a whole bunch of good. As an example of a small benefit, you can write about any topic you want. Be sure to describe why, out of all the infinite topics you could choose from, you chose the one that you did.

## RULES FOR AMLA 2026 POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT PROGRAM

- Must have been enrolled in AMLA prior to March 15, 2024, and currently in good standing (i.e. not on extended insurance) with a minimum of \$2,000 permanent life insurance (term insurance and/or annuity policies does not qualify).
- Must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student at an accredited college or university, pursuing an associate, bachelor, or post-graduate degree (usually a minimum of 12 credit hours).
- The program will award on a competitive basis one (1) Anna Mae Mannion Scholarship (\$2,000.00) to a first-year college student, one (1) Dr. Rudolph M. Susel Scholarship (\$2,000.00) to an advanced college student, one (1) Joseph A. and Albina M. Abram Scholarship (\$2,000.00) to an advanced college student, and one (1) Frank J. Lausche Scholarship (\$2,500.00) to a graduate student courtesy of the Frances and Jane S. Lausche Foundation. Proceeds from these scholarships will be sent directly to the college or university where the recipient is enrolled.
- The program will award up to 100 post-secondary educational & trade school grants (\$500 each) selected by lottery (if necessary). Recipients of the four (4) named competitive scholarships are not eligible to receive a grant in the same year.
- Trade school grant applicants must furnish course completion documentation from 12 months prior to grant application and provide proof that applicant paid (training that is funded by an employer directly is not eligible).
- Those applying for the Mannion, Susel, Abram, and Lausche Scholarships and not receiving them may resubmit application with appropriate grades to be included in the post-secondary grant selection. Each of the Mannion, Susel, Abram, and Lausche Scholarships, and the AMLA Workman Trade School Grant can be received one time only. A member may receive a maximum of four (4) grants from the program over the course of their post-secondary education and one (1) for the AMLA Workman Trade School Grant.
- Academic Grant recipient is required to be a full-time student in good academic standing at an accredited institution in pursuit of a degree, enrolled as a full-time student for the Fall 2026 academic year. The information submitted will be reviewed for compliance with the standards of the institution attended prior to mailing of the grant payment. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of the grant which will then be made available to the next alternate selected in the lottery previously conducted.
- Applicants enrolled as new members after January 1, 2005, must have one parent who is a member of AMLA under a permanent plan of insurance with a face value of at least \$1,000.00 issued prior to the deadline for submitting their request for a scholarship/grant application. This rule does not apply to all applicants who are members of AMLA as of January 1, 2005. After January 1, 2009, the minimum face amount of permanent insurance sold by AMLA is \$2,000.00. Any member who has an AMLA permanent insurance policy with a face value of at least \$5,000.00 is exempt from the parental membership requirement.
- Must complete the appropriate application form and return by the published deadline (postmarked by official deadline on application form or via e-mail to Member@AmericanMutual.org). Any applicant who has never been awarded a grant but has applied for a grant twice will automatically receive a grant on the third try, provided all other eligibility requirements are satisfied.

---

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

This application will be considered only if properly completed with supporting documentation.

I understand if I am selected to receive this scholarship, the award will be paid to my school upon proof of registration at an accredited college or university in the Fall of 2026 (Grants will be paid directly to the recipient).

I further understand that if I am not selected to receive this scholarship, I will have the option to *re-submit* for the lottery pool for an AMLA Grant.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of the rules for AMLA's

2026 Post-Secondary Scholarship and Grant Program (page 4 of this application).

By submitting this application the applicant consents to the publication of the applicant's name, photograph and any other information contained herein in *Our Voice*, the official publication of the American Mutual Life Association, on the official web site and social media of the AMLA, and related news outlets, in the event the applicant is awarded an AMLA Post-Secondary Scholarship or Grant resulting from this application.

I hereby state that the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature (If Applicant is a Minor): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



