

"Somebody Is Me" Grant Scholarship

Rules, Regulations, and Eligibility Guidelines

1. Scholarship Purpose

The **"Somebody Is Me" Grant Scholarship** is designed to support students who demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and strong personal character through mentorship, entrepreneurship exposure, or professional endorsement. The scholarship aims to encourage students to recognize their potential, invest in their future, and contribute positively to their communities.

2. Scholarship Award Structure

- Scholarship Amount: **\$1,000 per quarter**
 - Award Duration: **Up to 1 academic year (4 quarters maximum)**
 - Total Possible Award: **\$4,000 annually**
 - Recipients may **re-qualify for future scholarship cycles** if eligibility requirements continue to be met.
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3. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

Academic Requirements

- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of **3.0** on a 4.0 scale.
- Be currently enrolled or accepted into:
 - An accredited high school,
 - College,
 - University,

- Trade school, or
- Technical program.

Leadership & Character Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate leadership through at least one of the following:

- School leadership roles,
- Community leadership activities,
- Entrepreneurship involvement,
- Business or workforce leadership initiatives,
- Peer mentoring or youth development activities.

Endorsement Requirement

Applicants must submit **one signed letter of recommendation or endorsement** from at least one of the following:

- Mentor,
- Business owner,
- Teacher,
- Coach,
- Community leader,
- Employer,
- Faith-based leader,
- Nonprofit organization leader.

The endorsement must verify:

- Character,
- Leadership ability,
- Reliability,
- Community impact,
- Potential for future success.

Volunteer Service Requirement

Applicants must complete a minimum of:

- **40 verified volunteer service hours** within the previous 12 months.

Volunteer work may include:

- Community outreach,
- Nonprofit service,
- Church/community programs,
- Youth mentoring,
- Environmental projects,
- School service activities,
- Senior assistance programs,
- Food drives,
- Civic engagement projects.

Verification must include:

- Organization name,
- Supervisor name,
- Contact information,
- Dates of service,
- Total hours completed.

4. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Completed scholarship application form
2. Current transcript or academic record
3. Proof of GPA (minimum 3.0)

4. Volunteer hour verification documents
5. One endorsement/recommendation letter
6. Personal essay (500–1,000 words)

Essay Prompt

Applicants should explain:

- How leadership has shaped their life,
- Why community service matters,
- Their educational and career goals,
- How they embody the message:
“Somebody Is Me.”

5. Selection Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated based on:

Category	Percentage
Leadership & Initiative	30%
Community Service	25%
Academic Achievement	20%
Essay Quality	15%
Mentor/Business Endorsement	10%

Selection decisions made by the scholarship committee are final.

6. Scholarship Distribution

- Funds will be distributed once per academic quarter.
- Payments may be made:
 - Directly to the educational institution, or
 - To the recipient upon proof of enrollment and approved educational expenses.

Approved expenses may include:

- Tuition,
 - Books,
 - Fees,
 - Supplies,
 - Housing,
 - Transportation related to education.
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7. Renewal & Re-qualification

Recipients may continue receiving quarterly funding if they:

- Maintain a minimum **3.0 GPA**,
- Remain enrolled in an eligible educational program,
- Complete at least **10 volunteer hours per quarter**,
- Submit quarterly progress updates if requested.

Re-qualification

Past recipients may reapply for future scholarship cycles by:

- Completing a new application,
 - Providing updated volunteer records,
 - Maintaining eligibility requirements.
 - Re-qualification is not guaranteed and depends on:
 - Available funding,
 - Continued eligibility,
 - Scholarship committee approval.
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8. Disqualification Conditions

Applicants or recipients may be disqualified for:

- Providing false information,
 - Academic dishonesty,
 - Criminal misconduct,
 - Failure to maintain eligibility requirements,
 - Misuse of scholarship funds,
 - Failure to provide requested documentation.
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9. Non-Discrimination Policy

The "Somebody Is Me" Grant Scholarship does not discriminate based on:

- Race,
- Color,
- National origin,
- Religion,
- Gender,
- Disability,
- Sexual orientation,

- Socioeconomic status.

All eligible applicants will receive equal consideration.

10. Scholarship Committee Rights

The scholarship committee reserves the right to:

- Verify all submitted information,
 - Modify deadlines or procedures,
 - Withhold awards if no qualified applicants are identified,
 - Amend scholarship rules and regulations when necessary.
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11. Application Timeline 2026

Phase	Timeline
Application Opens	June 1
Application Deadline	October 31
Review Period	August
Award Notification	December
First Quarter Disbursement	February 2026

12. Scholarship Motto

“Leadership begins when you realize that somebody capable, valuable, and impactful is already you – Somebody Is Me”