

The Adams Memorial Foundation: The Adams Public Service Award

Purpose of Scholarship:

The Adams Public Service Award recognizes high school seniors who exemplify the values of civic responsibility, community service, and leadership, inspired by the legacy of the Adams family. John Adams and his family demonstrated integrity, selflessness, and a deep commitment to service—values essential to the well-being of our communities and nation today.

Scholarship Awards:

First Prize (1): \$1,000

Second Prize (1): \$500

Eligibility:

- Must be a current senior in high school.
- Planning to attend an accredited college or university after graduation.
- Must have a 3.0 GPA or above

Application Deadline & Submission Instructions:

• Application Deadline: All materials must be received by **Friday, May 16, 2025** at 11:59 PM (your local time). Applicants may not have any relation to members of the Adams Memorial Commission or Adams Memorial Foundation.

• Submission Method:

Compile all required documents into a single PDF file, including (more details below):

- Cover Sheet
- Official Academic Transcript
- Resume of Extracurricular Activities, Leadership, and Community Service

- Personal Essay
- Social Media Submission (screenshot/link)

- Submit your application via email to: scholarship@theadamsmemorial.org with the subject line:
"[Your Full Name] - Adams Memorial Scholarship Application."

- Winners Announcement: Winners will be contacted directly by May 31, 2025, and publicly announced by June 2, 2025. Winners' essays and social media entries will be shared on our social media platforms, website, and possibly other media outlets. Award will be disbursed mid-July to early August 2025.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Cover Sheet

- Full Name, Contact Information (Address, Phone Number, Email)
- Educational Background (Current high school and graduation date)
- Intended College or University for the upcoming academic year

2. Most recent Official Academic Transcript

3. Resume of Extracurricular Activities, Leadership, and Community Service

- A detailed list or resume emphasizing your involvement in extracurricular activities with particular attention to leadership roles, community service, volunteer experiences, and any other actions demonstrating your commitment to civic responsibility.
- Note: This part of your application is highly weighted, as it testifies directly to your leadership and service in the community.

4. Personal Essay (750 words)

- Essay Prompt:

"Throughout their lives, John Adams, Abigail Adams, John Quincy Adams, Louisa Catherine Adams, and Charles Francis Adams displayed extraordinary civic responsibility and community leadership. Choose one or two of these individuals and describe how their actions and values inspire your own involvement in civic responsibility and community service. How have you reflected similar values in your personal life, and how do you plan to continue this legacy of leadership and service during and after your college years?"

- Essay Guidelines:

- Clearly state which member(s) of the Adams family inspire(s) you.
- Provide historical examples from their lives as inspiration.
- Connect those examples clearly to your personal experiences of civic

responsibility, community leadership and service, and your aspirations for the future.

5. Social Media Submission (Required):

As part of your application, help raise awareness of the Adams Memorial Foundation and the inspirational legacy of the Adams family.

- Create and share a social media post (Instagram, Facebook, X/Twitter) highlighting your own civic responsibility or community service and linking it to the values of one or more members of the Adams family.

- Tag the Adams Memorial Foundation (Instagram: @adamsmemorialfoundation; Facebook: Adams Memorial Foundation; X/ Twitter: @adamsmemorial). AMF may repost these posts to our social media platforms.

- Include the hashtags #AdamsMemorialScholarship and #AdamsLegacy.

- Submit a screenshot or direct link to your social media post along with your application materials.

Note: This social media submission helps amplify the mission of the Foundation, encourages public engagement, and showcases how today's students embody the enduring civic values exemplified by the Adams family.