

Mirnova Foundation

Scholarship Invitational Award Process



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The process by which scholarship awards are made by Mirnova Foundation is as follows:

Number and terms of annual scholarships

The Foundation aims to award a minimum of four (4) scholarships per annum, according to a system by which the recipient individuals are from different pre-defined categories in terms of social and international backgrounds.

Award amounts will vary according to many factors: the Foundation budget available for making awards in a given year, the number of awards being made, and the nature of the awards for different individuals. The general range of from \$4,000 to \$12,000 for a given award and the period of use for the funds from an individual award will vary, typically for funds to be used during one or two years after receipt.

Awards beyond the four prime annual awards depend upon available and budgeted Foundation resources and suitability of additional applicants. It is fully expected that the Foundation can make at least four awards per annum and that there will be a sufficient number of candidates for having four awards in keeping with the character of the Foundation's principles and standards.

Identification and Pre-Selection

Individuals who are board members, mentors, and affiliates of the Foundation make and receive recommendations by individuals who are affiliated with the following organizations, either formally or by personal knowledge:

Mirnova Foundation
TETRAD Institute of Complex System Dynamics
Intelligence Renaissance Industries
MDudziak & Company

Some of the information-leads originate in news stories about individuals, families, and communities.

No unsolicited external-origin applications or suggestion materials are accepted.

From the recommendations, reviews are made and then invitations are issued to individuals and (if appropriate) family members (e.g., parents or guardians).

The invitations describe the Scholarship Program purposes, objectives, and general terms, and the specifics of the Selection Process.

Timetable

The current plan by the Foundation is to collect information during the first quarter of each calendar year, and to complete the internal review process and issue invitations to individuals by no later than the 1st of May of each year. Details on the ADP invitation packet will be sent to all invitees who have responded with acceptance of the invitation by no later than the 1st of June of each year.

Invitee-applicants will have from the 1st of June until the 1st of October to complete their ADP.

Reviews of the ADP by the Foundation will commence in October and be completed by the 1st of December. Final award notifications will be made by the 20th of December of each year.

Selection

Individuals who accept the Foundation's invitation will receive a packet of information and guidelines for their required actions in order to be selected to receive an award. This packet is the same for each invitee-applicant and is issued at the same time to all.

Invitees are not guaranteed the receipt of any scholarship award simply or merely by virtue of being invited. Recipients and amounts of Scholarship awards are determined through a process that involves each invitee-applicant producing a work of their individual nature and composition that expresses their qualifications, interests, objectives, and commitment to their studies and vocational goals.

Each invitee must produce an individual work, which may take one of many formats, that pertains to the person's interests, goals, and some demonstration of competence in conducting academic and STEAM (science-technology-engineering-arts-mathematics) study of a research nature, appropriate to the invitee's level of knowledge, personal maturity and abilities to conduct such a study.

This work by the invitee is known as the **Application Demonstration Project (ADP)**.

Each ADP will vary according to the invitee as person and as an applicant for a type of scholarship.

These may be of the following formats:

- A written paper, comparable to a "term paper" or "semester thesis".
- A script for a play or film.
- A video composition.
- A musical composition.
- A work of art that is of a digital or a physical nature (e.g., painting, sculpture).
- A combination of the above.

The ADP from each invitee-now-applicant is carefully reviewed by a committee of persons appointed by the Foundation. Their decisions determine the following outcomes:

- An award to be made
- What amount and terms
- What restrictions, if any, on its use by the awardee.

The Selection committee's review process is rigorous and provides the utmost objectivity. Its decisions are not publicized, but commentaries with constructive criticisms are available to all invitee-applicants.

The Committee may decide, on the basis of the different ADP received, to make multiple awards beyond the basic four per annum, in order to provide something to as many such individuals as possible given the operating constraints of the Foundation.

Award Receipt

Once an awardee has been notified and has acknowledged with acceptance of the Scholarship offer, arrangements are made for transfer of the funds and other documentation to the individual (and family).

This transfer is performed either in-person, which may be through an individual affiliated with the Foundation, or through electronic transfer.

Award Usage

Usage of the award is generally open and unrestricted according to the Basic Terms, which indicate a range of possible uses and disbursements, such as for the following (or their clear equivalents):

- tuitions and fees relating to educational including apprenticeship, internship and vocational-type experiences
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- books, computers, and other learning resources
- travel to education-related special events
- necessary personal expenses that are required for continuing of education and professional paths of learning

The Foundation intends to be as open and flexible as possible and as reasonable for how an awardee uses their Scholarship funds.

Award Follow-through Activity

Awardees are strongly encouraged to maintain and to cultivate open, frequent, and constructive communication with the Foundation and its mentor-affiliates including members of TETRAD Institute and Intelligence Renaissance Industries.

Details will be specific to each individual awardee but generally the intent is for the awardee to provide one or more follow-up essays or reports in text or mixed-media that reflect progress and outcomes from the specific studies and activities that take place through the assistance of the Scholarship award.

Further Information

Further information can be provided by contacting Mirnova Foundation.

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