

I Gotchu Scholarship FAQ

FAQs:

- **Who is eligible to apply?**
 - The I Gotchu Scholarship Fund is currently available to only graduating Explorer's Program participants and alumni. Students become eligible for the scholarship after participating in M3's Explorer's Program for at least one full academic year. To find out more about our Explorer's Program and how to join, [click here](#).
- **How are recipients selected?**
 - All applicant submissions are reviewed on an individual basis. The committee which oversees Explorer applications will be composed of two members from our Youth Development Team, our Associate Board, and the I Gotchu Scholarship Fund Committee. All Explorers must apply; [see sample application here](#).
- **How will the scholarship funds be distributed?**
 - Recipients will receive \$3,000 per academic year, for up to four years, in two installments at the beginning of each semester. Funding support is dependent on if recipients continue to pursue postsecondary education or vocational training.
- **What happens if a recipient takes an academic leave of absence? What if a recipient doesn't go to college at all?**
 - Recipients are still able to use their scholarship should they take an academic leave of absence, but will be required to report if and how their postsecondary plans are affected. Should a recipient not pursue postsecondary education, their payment distributions will still match the academic school year (e.g. one Fall installment; one Winter installment).
- **What will the scholarship funds be used for?**
 - This scholarship will provide support to our Explorers for any postsecondary pursuits they choose to engage in. Whether it's to help cover tuition costs, flight tickets for school breaks, or certification fees, our scholarship is intended to fill in the gaps overlooked by traditional forms of financial aid; and to support those who decide that college isn't right for them.
- **How will you keep track of the scholarship funds?**
 - All awardees will be required to report to M3 on how their scholarship funds are used via their mentor. If a scholarship is being distributed directly to an Explorer's college/university, M3 will communicate with the collegiate Office of Financial Aid to oversee how funds are being allocated.
- **What role will mentors have with scholarship recipients? How are your mentors selected?**
 - Mentors will be required to meet with their mentees on a monthly basis to provide support and guidance in any capacity they can. Each mentor is expected to maintain relationships with their mentee for at least two years, so that they can best help our Explorers succeed in their postsecondary pursuits. After submitting

an application, prospective mentors will be interviewed by members of our I Gotchu Scholarship Committee. If selected, they will then be matched with one of our scholarship recipients.

- **Can I apply to be a mentor?**

- Sure! [Click here](#) for our mentor application.

- **How else could I get involved?**

- If mentoring isn't for you, you can still support our scholarship [by donating](#). Any gift amount will go towards supporting our Explorers as they embark on their own journeys—be it academic, professional, or anything in between.