



Family Pathways' Mission

To work alongside people to enhance lives through a continuum of essential services and -together with community – champion positive social change.

Family Pathways' Vision

Every voice. Every possibility. Every day. Inspired by national conversations on race and inclusion, as well as Family Pathways' mission to affect positive social change, a local couple sought out Family Pathways' partnership in the Fall of 2020 with a desire to fund a scholarship program for Black students living in East Central MN and Western WI.

Our commitment to combat racism and grow towards change and inclusion, means we must be more than just words, more than just a statement. The Family Pathways Board of Directors and Staff look to the future for additional opportunities to build equity and justice for all of our neighbors.

Scholarship Awards

Scholarship award recipients will receive up to \$5,000. The annual number of awards are determined based on available funds. The scholarship award is to be used for tuition.

Applicant Eligibility

Candidate must:

- Live in Family Pathways service area which includes the Counties of Chisago, Pine, Mille Lacs, Carlton, Isanti, Kanabec in Minnesota and the City of Forest Lake; as well as Polk County in Wisconsin.
- Identify as a Black or African American student
- Be currently enrolled or will be enrolling in 1st year post-secondary school for the upcoming academic year

Eligible candidate must submit all required documents by the deadline to be considered.

Application- Fully completed application. Applications are available both online at www.familypathways.org and the Family Pathways office in North Branch, MN.

Personal Statement

Your personal statement is the most important part of the application, as it gives the committee a chance to learn what is special about you. See page 6 for additional personal statement guidelines.

Application Deadline: April 10th, 2026

Completed application must be received via email, mail, or fax and postmarked by deadline to be eligible.

Mail to:

Family Pathways
Scholarship Committee
6413 Oak Street, North Branch MN 55056

Email to:

mail@familypathways.org

Scholarship Coordinator:

Venus Griffin
venusg@familypathways.org
Phone 651-674-8040, Fax 651-674-6946

Award Selection Process

The Family Pathways Scholarship Committee will review and consider only complete applications. All qualified applicants will be notified of their award status by the committee on May 1, 2026. Awarding applicant(s) will be notified by email or mail. Scholarship award will be mailed to your post-secondary school upon receipt of proof of enrollment.

Applications are rated on the following criteria:

- Personal statement
- Financial need



Family Pathways Scholarship Application

Today's Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Check all the following that apply to you:

- I am enrolled/enrolling in 1st year post-secondary school
- I live or attend school in the Family Pathways service area
- I identify as a Black or African American student

Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Home Address (street, city and zip): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Current education status (check all that apply):

- High School Senior
- Enrolling in post-secondary education
- High school/GED graduate returning to school

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Have you ever volunteered at a Family Pathways location? If yes, where? _____

Were you involved in any extracurricular and/or community service activities? If yes, please list below.
(use a separate sheet if necessary)

Program & Role	Year



Education Information

College(s) applied to Annual Tuition Length of program (YRS) Have you been accepted?

Expected student status:

Part-time

Full-time

Intended major/ field of study: _____

Financial Information

Please share your estimated expenses and income for the next year.

Applicants estimated school year expenses

Tuition and fees \$	
Books and Supplies \$	
Rent/Dorm fees \$	
Transportation \$	
Other (Please list below)	
Total Expenses	\$
Total Estimated Income	\$



Are you planning to work while attending school?

- Yes
- No

If yes,

- Full time
- Part time

Please share any other personal or financial challenges that you think might be relevant to the committee as we make our decision.

Personal Statement

Please submit a personal statement of one to three pages as a separate document. You may also submit your personal statement as a recorded video via email (venusg@familypathways.org) or online via the electronic application. The personal statement is an essential part of this application. It gives the committee a chance to learn what is unique about you. We particularly want to know how you got to where you are today, your goals, and how your education path may help you achieve these goals. What do you enjoy doing? Are there any circumstances that may make achieving your goals particularly difficult? How has your community or communities shaped your life and goals thus far?

Required Signature

I certify that the information given on these pages is factual and correct.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____



If applicant is a minor Parent or Guardian signature

I certify that the information given on these pages is factual and correct. With my knowledge and approval.

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about the Family Pathways Scholarship?

Thank you for applying for the Family Pathways Scholarship.
Amplifying the voices of Black students in our communities through the possibilities of education.



www.FamilyPathways.org