



Franklin Educational Foundation Innovation Award

\$2,500 scholarship awarded to an exceptionally innovative Franklin High School Senior.

Application Deadline: **April 5th, 2019**

This award is not a traditional scholarship focused on rewarding academic achievement or supporting financial need. Its specific goal is to inspire, encourage and support innovative and creative problem solving. The award aims to honor a student who:

- Has solved an artistic, scientific, or technical problem in a new or unusual way
- Has come up with a distinctive solution to problems face by their school, community, or family
- Has created a new group, organization, or institution that serves an important need

Applicant must be admitted to an accredited 4-year or 2-year academic institution; or accredited vocational or technical school.

To Apply Please Submit the Following

1. Attached application with typed resume/activity sheet
2. Copy of letter(s) of admission to accredited post-secondary school
3. Two letters of recommendation from teachers, mentors, or community members who are familiar with your innovative aptitude
4. Official sealed transcript from Franklin High School
5. An essay detailing your innovative project, how it has helped you to grow, and how this award will help you to be innovative and creative in whatever path you choose. (maximum 500 words)
6. Any supplementary materials to help demonstrate your project

Your completed application and materials can be sent or delivered to:

Franklin Educational Foundation
8255 W. Forest Hill Ave.
Franklin, WI 53132

Email questions to: foundation@franklin.k12.wi.us or call 414-525-7650

Selection of Recipient

The Selection Committee will select the applicants who show the most promise as innovative, creative problem solvers, on the basis of their essays, letters of recommendation, and supporting materials included with the application. Academic and extracurricular information play an important secondary role in helping the Selection Committee get a fuller picture of the applicant, but these are not the basis on which the award is determined. Financial need does not play a role in determining the award winner.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to decide, on a case-by-case basis, to contact applicants for phone interviews or to request additional materials. The award will be presented at the Senior Honors Night on **May 29th, 2019**.

Payment of Scholarship

The Franklin Educational Foundation will process the scholarship award and mail it directly to the recipient's post-secondary educational institution. Funds will be disbursed directly to the school in August or September 2019 for the Fall semester. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to the Foundation at that time proof of enrollment, which includes their student ID#.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as winner of the Franklin Educational Foundation Innovation Award my picture will be required and used to promote the Foundation's scholarship program. I understand that if chosen as the award winner, an interview may be requested.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a winner of the Innovation Award, it is my responsibility to remit to the Foundation the appropriate information by August 31, 2018 in order for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution.

I hereby acknowledge that incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this award.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date _____

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this award program and that I support this application to the Franklin Educational Foundation.

Signature of Guidance Counselor: _____ Date _____

Checklist:

- ___ Typed Application and Resume/Activity Sheet
- ___ Proof of Acceptance to Post-Secondary Institution
- ___ Two Letters of Recommendation
- ___ Official Sealed Transcript
- ___ Typed Essay
- ___ All Supporting Materials
- ___ Completed Statement of Accuracy

Any supporting documents sent separately must be received by 11:59 p.m. April 5, 2019
Place your name on all materials. Do not staple items together.

Complete Application Package must be received by April 5, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS!

F.A.Q.

If my grades aren't great should I forget about applying?

No! This award is not tied to academic achievement. It is given for what you have accomplished in areas that may or may not correlate with getting good grades.

May I apply for this award in connection with a project I completed a year ago?

Yes, as long as it is fresh in the minds of your letter writers.

May I apply with a project that I worked on as a member of a team?

Yes, but make sure you specify exactly what your role was on the team, and make sure that those writing your letters of recommendation confirm what your role was. If you led the team or came up with the idea for the project, you are more likely to be recognized for what you did than if you were just a member of the team working on it.

Am I likely to win if I started a club that is a local chapter of a national organization at my school or in my community?

Probably not. Starting a local branch of a national organization would not ordinarily fit the scholarship's criteria for innovation and creativity.

If my project comes across more clearly with video or audio materials, how do I submit those?

We prefer materials in a form that will be easy for the reviewing committee to see. A digital file is best – you may submit digital files via email to foundation@franklin.k12.wi.us. Be sure your submission is clearly identified as a supplement to your application.

How do I send artwork, press clipping, photographs or other hard copy material that is relevant to my project?

Digital versions of your supporting materials are easiest to share with the reviewing committee. We recommend that you scan relevant materials and email them to us at foundation@franklin.k12.wi.us. Be sure your attachments are clearly identified as a supplement to your application.

How can I increase my chances of winning this award?

Be sure the 2 people writing your letters of support discuss the specific project on which your application centers in their letters. Make sure they have worked closely with you and have a good familiarity with your project and how you tackled problems and overcame obstacles in your process.