

**Allison Cassens Community Foundation Scholarship**  
**McKendree University**  
**Scholarship Application**

**Description:**

This scholarship fund makes available \$12,000 awards for MAED/MAT in Special Education and \$3,000 awards for Special Education Endorsement. The scholarship honors the life and legacy of the late Allison Cassens, daughter of Linda and the late Allen Cassens of Edwardsville. Allison was a teacher, an internationally competitive swimmer, a pilot and a flight instructor who lost her battle with cancer in 2004 at the age of 33.

Completed scholarship applications must be submitted by deadline (below), to McKendree University, Office of Graduate Admission, 701 College Road, Lebanon, IL 62254, email or fax to 618-537-6530.

**Eligibility and Criteria:**

1. Must be admitted to either the MAED/MAT in Special Education or the Special Education Endorsement (new applicants will be eligible).
2. Minimum 3.0 GPA in undergraduate program (cumulative) to apply, please submit transcripts.
3. Must submit a two- to three-page personal and professional reflection on career goals, commitment to special education, background/experience, and timeline for completion of the special education program.
4. Financial need (self-proclaimed).

**Payment Schedule**

1. The scholarship will be issued prior to the start of the semester at McKendree University.

I understand the terms of this scholarship and agree to them. I also understand that my receipt of this award is only allowable if I am not related to the scholarship's donor, am not an employee of the donor or I am not immediately related to an employee of the donor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Start Term:**    **Spring 2024**    **Summer 2024**    **Fall 2024**    (circle one)

**Please describe your "need of financial assistance".**

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline dates for 2024 Terms: Spring = December 11<sup>th</sup>, Summer = May 27<sup>th</sup> and Fall = August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Submit to: McKendree University, Office of Graduate Admission, 701 College Road, Lebanon, IL 62254,  
[graduate@mckendree.edu](mailto:graduate@mckendree.edu).