



30 for 30 in 2026  Happy 30th Birthday, Mike



# MICHAEL O.D. BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

**30 Scholarships. \$3,000 each.**

**PURPOSE:** The Michael O. D. Brown Memorial Scholarship is open to students pursuing all fields of study, but special consideration will be given to those enrolling in Social Justice, Performing Arts, and Trades programs. **To honor Mike's 30th birthday in 2026, scholarships will be awarded to 30 St. Louis-area high school seniors** based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and an expressed interest in enrolling into a post-secondary program in pursuit of a certification, associate's, or bachelor's degree.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Graduating high school seniors in attendance at a public high school in the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County, including district-operated and Special School District (SSD) technical high schools.

**FOR STUDENTS** who intend to continue their education at a community college, a four-year college or university or trade school. Consideration will be given based on academic achievement, financial need, the student's community service record, written responses, and any follow-up interviews.

**QUESTIONS:** In no more than 250 words each, answer the following three online application questions:

1. Why are you applying to the Michael O. D. Brown Memorial Scholarship?
2. A key mission of the foundation is to prepare students to compete and thrive in the world. How will this scholarship help you achieve your long-term goals?
3. Leadership can take many forms, and is inspired by the **desire** to achieve a greater purpose. Describe either a time when you took on a role, in your school or community, that demonstrated your **dedication** as a leader or a significant challenge you have faced in your life. How did you develop the **discipline** and maintain the **determination** needed? How did that experience shape who you are today?

APPLICATION OPENS: **JANUARY 12, 2026**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: **MARCH 9, 2026**

# APPLY NOW

[michaelodbrown.org/apply](http://michaelodbrown.org/apply)



**QUESTIONS?**  
[scholarship@michaelodbrown.org](mailto:scholarship@michaelodbrown.org)

Before proceeding with this application, please ensure you have the following:

- Cumulative transcript through Fall 2025 (semester 1 of senior year) that shows a minimum 2.5 GPA (unweighted)
- Proof you've applied to and/or been accepted into a higher education program
- Verification of Civic Engagement\*
- [Optional] Recommendation\*

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OUR SONS & DAUGHTERS  
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\*contact or letter acceptable