Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Scholarship

Eligibility Rules and Application Information

Scholarship Theme: How learning about Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith's family's values and sacrifices can help me and my family honor their legacy.

Scholarship Project: Your scholarship work can be in the form of an essay, poem, music, artwork, video, service project, or creative project of equivalent work. Along with your project, you must also submit an explanation of your scholarship project. You can explain your project with a video, a recorded presentation, or a written description. You must submit a letter of recommendation from a local youth leader to ensure you are a person of good standing and have a history of service to the community. Lineal descendancy from Joseph Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith is not required.

Eligibility: The scholarships are available to all high school and college students who are attending or will be attending higher education to receive a college or equivalent degree or certificate.

Scholarship Grand Prize: $1000

2nd Place: $500

3rd Place: $250

Application Deadline: June 20th, 2026.

Scholarships will be announced by August 2026.

Application Form:
Do the following:

1. Complete the Application Form https://forms.gle/zMvYMEAGFhRyUZQC8
2. Schedule, plan, carry out and submit your scholarship project.
3. Share your scholarship project on social media if you would like.

Scholarship Submissions:
Use this Dropbox to submit your project, explanation, and reference letter: https://tinyurl.com/SmithDropbox. With the explanation of your scholarship project, take a moment to state why you want to honor Joseph Sr and Lucy Mack Smith's family, what they mean to you, and what Smith values you are incorporating into your life. Also, in the explanation, include your name, age, school, and college/institution you plan on attending.

1. Submit your scholarship that incorporates the Scholarship Theme using this naming convention
   [Full Name]-[Project Title]
2. Submit an explanation of your project. Use this name convention:
   EXP-[Full Name]-[Project Title]
3. Submit your reference letter. Use this name convention:
   REF-[Full Name]-[Project Title]

Important: By filling out and signing the Application Form, you recognize and accept that all submissions may be shared via the Joseph Smith Sr. and Lucy Mack Smith Facebook page, website, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. We encourage you to make your scholarship and explanation entertaining and engaging.

Additional Resources

The following books may help you learn about the Smith Sr. family: *History of Joseph Smith by His Mother Lucy Mack Smith*, and *Joseph Smith's New England Heritage*, by Richard Lloyd Anderson. You can also read great articles in the newsletters on the Smith Sr. website. You can download a list of stories and anecdotes about the Smith family on the Family Association website's Scholarship page. Learning more about Joseph Sr. and Lucy's family can help you as you develop your scholarship submission. The list of stories is titled Smith Sr. Family Stories.

Submission preparation and uploading Instructions

When you are ready to submit your video or essay, artwork, music, etc., please follow these guidelines:

Video:

- The maximum length for videos is 5 minutes.
- Your project explanation can be in any format.

Essay or Poetry:

- Your essay or poem should be no more than four typewritten pages, double spaced, Arial 11pt font.
- Your project explanation can be in any format.

Artwork:

- Share a photo of your artwork. Ensure the image is high enough resolution so that the judges can see the details (at least 1 MB, but no more than 5 MB).
- Save the image in jpeg format.
- Your project explanation can be in any format.

Music:

- Save your original sheet music or video of the performance.
- With the explanation of your project, attribute the work is done by others or your original work.

Other:

- Be creative and doing something unique but equivalent to the work of the other project types.
- Your project explanation can be in any format.