

Walter Alexander Kenyon Scholarship for Students of the Biological Sciences Description

Walter Alexander Kenyon was an emeritus professor of biology who taught at Hamline University from 1924 to 1962. A student scholarship fund was established in his name after his retirement, and through the years Professor Kenyon, himself, became the major donor to this fund. Kenyon Scholarships are \$3,500 per year and are available to biological science students who are applying for admission to Hamline.

Kenyon Scholarships will be awarded to applicants identified by the Hamline biology faculty as students who possess great interest in and unusual potential for success in the study of the biological sciences. Financial eligibility is not a criterion for this scholarship award.

Who is eligible to apply?

Successful applicants should:

- 1) Rank in the highest 10% of their high school graduating class, or have achieved a cumulative college GPA of 3.25 (in at least 30 transferable semester credits or the equivalent) with a GPA of 3.5 in biology courses.
- 2) Have completed three years of secondary laboratory science courses and three years of high school mathematics.
- 3) Have demonstrated interest in biological science beyond class requirements. Independent study projects, work-related experiences, and science fair projects are examples of this interest.

Pre-medical students who are primarily interested in the biological sciences are eligible to apply.

Application procedure for a Walter Alexander Kenyon Scholarship:

- 1) Complete an application for admission to Hamline University.
- 2) Complete the enclosed Walter Alexander Kenyon Scholarship application form.

- 3) Compose a 1–3 page typewritten cover letter that discusses your qualifications for the Kenyon Scholarship.
- 4) Arrange for a high school or college biology teacher to write a letter of reference for you. The letter should discuss:
 - a. Your interest in and potential for a career in the biological sciences.
 - b. The facility you have in understanding important concepts of biology.
 - c. Examples of your accomplishments in biological studies.

Your teacher should send the letter directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admission at the address given below.

Kenyon Biology Scholars will be expected to:

- 1) Maintain a 3.5 minimum cumulative GPA in biology courses.
- 2) Maintain a 3.25 minimum cumulative GPA in all math and science (including biology) courses.
- 3) Make satisfactory progress toward completing a biology major.
- 4) Make satisfactory progress on a biological research project, preferably leading to honors in biology.
- 5) Regularly attend meetings of the biology seminar program.
- 6) Participate and contribute to the Kenyon Scholar Program.

The application deadline for Kenyon Scholarship consideration is February 1. The application and cover letter should be forwarded to:

The Kenyon Scholarship
Office of Undergraduate Admission, MS-C1930
Hamline University
1536 Hewitt Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104-1284

In order to renew the Kenyon Scholarships, awardees must reapply each spring term. To be eligible for renewal students must continue to demonstrate excellent scholarship in courses leading toward a biology major at Hamline.

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Walter Alexander Kenyon Scholarship Application
(February 1 postmark deadline)

Name _____ Name of current school _____
Address _____ Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ City, State, Zip _____
Phone number (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Laboratory science and mathematics courses (grades 9–12 and college level) completed:

Course title	Grade received	Course title	Grade received
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Name of biology teacher who will write a letter of recommendation for you: _____

Teacher's phone number: (_____) _____

**Arrange for your teacher to submit the written recommendation directly to the
Office of Undergraduate Admission at the address given below.**

Attach a 1–3 page typewritten cover letter to this application.

The cover letter should be addressed to the Biology Department Faculty and should detail your qualifications for the Kenyon Scholarship. Remember that the Kenyon Scholarship is awarded to students who show great interest in biology and have unusual potential for a career in the biological sciences. Here are some suggestions for topics to include in your letter:

- Describe why you are interested in biology.
- What particular areas or aspects of biology interest you?

- What are your career goals and how do they relate to your interests in biology?
- Describe any special science projects that you have completed or are pursuing.
- Describe any honors or awards you have received for science related projects.
- Describe any other academic accomplishments that you think are relevant to your application for a Kenyon Scholarship.

Hamline University announces scholarship recipients after March 15 and is pleased to share this information with hometown newspapers. If you are selected for a Hamline Scholarship, would you like this information released to your hometown newspaper?

Yes. (*List all papers that should receive your release.*) Note: If Twin Cities resident, list neighborhood paper, *not* Star Tribune or Pioneer Press:

No, please do not release this information.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Submit this completed application with your cover letter
by February 1 to:**

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