MHG Charitable Foundation

Empowering Individuals & Fostering Opportunities

MHG 2026 Companion Scholarship Essay Prompt & Guidelines

The MHG Companion Scholarship supports students who demonstrate resilience in the face of:

- Financial hardship
- Educational, cultural, or social barriers
- Personal challenges
- Extraordinary circumstances

We are not looking for a perfect story. We are looking for honesty, responsibility, and forward momentum.

Please respond to the following in **800–1,000 total words**.

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1 Your Context (Challenges)

Describe a significant challenge you have faced.

- What was the situation?
- How did it affect your education or opportunities?
- What specific barriers did it create?

Be clear and specific so we can understand your circumstances.

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2 Your Response & Growth

Explain how you responded.

- What actions did you personally take?
- What decisions did you make?
- What did you learn from the experience?

We value initiative, resilience, and personal responsibility.

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3 Your Forward Plan

If selected as an MHG Scholar:

- How will this scholarship support you in the next 12 months?
- What concrete academic, professional, or personal steps will you take?

Be specific about your short-term plan and long-term direction.

Important Notes

- **AI tools may be used for grammar and clarity, but all ideas and experiences must be your own.**
- Specific examples are encouraged. Generic responses may receive lower evaluation.
- Selected applicants may be invited for a follow-up discussion.

Focus on authenticity, growth, and future impact.

