



Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders
Legacy Scholarship
KHALIL J. WILLIAMS, Millionaire Mind Kids (MMK)

APPLICATION PERIOD:
January 2 through March 20, 2026

All applications must be received by the High Desert Community Foundation no later than 5pm, March 20, 2026. IMPORTANT: Handwritten, incomplete or late applications will not be considered by the Committee. Scholarship Award amount is \$1,000.00

Prior to submitting your application, please carefully read all eligibility requirements for applying for the **Khalil J. Williams MMK Legacy Scholarship** at www.dvlproject.com, and the guidelines for writing the personal statement, which are included with this application.

The **Khalil J. Williams Millionaire Mind Kids (MMK) Legacy Scholarship** seeks student applicants who have demonstrated achievement or a strong interest in Millionaire Mind Kids' Core Competencies: Education, Finance, Law & Justice, Aviation, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Medicine, or allied health sciences such as nursing, public health, and mental health. The Selection Committee will give special consideration to students who have participated in Millionaire Mind Kids' Summer Academies and have engaged meaningfully in community service.

Personal Statement

As part of the application for this scholarship, applicants are required to write a personal statement. (Note: *you are cautioned against simply "recycling" personal statements/ essays used for college applications or other scholarships.*)

In 300 words or less, "describe your inspiration for your college major and career choice. Explain how your future work will honor Khalil Williams' legacy of compassion, curiosity, and community uplift." Your personal statement should offer insight into your current achievements and your expectations for future study and career plans.

Eligible Student Criteria

- Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24. Accelerated or early graduating students are eligible if they will be at least 17 years old by December 30, 2026, and no older than 24 by July 1, 2026.
- Graduating high school seniors with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, or continuing enrolled post-secondary students with a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, AND
- Graduating from regionally accredited public or private high schools by July 1, 2026. Eligible students include those graduating from charter high schools, religiously affiliated high schools, or regionally accredited home schools/programs in the High Desert region.

OR

- Students who are enrolled in a regionally accredited post-secondary institution.
- Students must be residents of California for *at least* three (3) years and must be graduating or have graduated from a regionally accredited high school in the High Desert region.

Note: students enrolled in or planning to attend an institution that is not regionally accredited are not eligible for consideration for the scholarship.

After you have read the brief description provided about Khalil J. Williams, *the Legacy Honoree*, complete the application and combine it with the other required materials for submission and mail it to the Committee:

Dreamers, Visionaries & Leaders Legacy Scholarships c/o

High Desert Community Foundation

Post Office Box 2028 Apple Valley, CA 92307

NOTE: Applications must be typed and completely filled out.

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Khalil J. Williams, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science.

May 23, 1998-May 11, 2025

Khalil Julian Williams was a gifted scholar, compassionate leader, and visionary cofounder of *Millionaire Mind Kids*. From an early age, his brilliance shone—advancing from kindergarten to first grade in just two weeks and earning the **Presidential Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence** in 2008, signed by President George W. Bush. He continued to excel, graduating from middle school with another Presidential Education Award in 2011, signed by President Barack Obama.

At Apple Valley High School, Khalil graduated with **highest honors at the age of 17**, earning a full-ride scholarship to the University of California, San Diego, and becoming UCSD's Chancellor's Associate Scholar. His achievements included the **Highest GPA Award** and multiple **Future Farmers of America Honor Roll Awards**, reflecting both his intellect and his leadership.

Remarkably, at just **seven years old**, Khalil co-founded *Millionaire Mind Kids* alongside his sister and grandmother. Together, they built an educational nonprofit that has impacted thousands of families, opening doors to STEM, aviation, finance, and college pathways. His generosity, curiosity, and radiant spirit carried through every endeavor—from raising funds for fellow students to embracing global cultures while studying abroad.

As he endured personal challenges, Khalil clung to his grandmother's enduring words of encouragement:

"I give you wings of an eagle, to soar effortlessly and high across the skies, as every creature looks up in wonder of your ease and grace, knowing you will never need to lower to ask a hummingbird how to fly."

This scholarship honors Khalil's extraordinary legacy of **academic excellence, compassion, and community uplift**. Recipients are called to pursue knowledge with passion, serve others with heart, and uplift their communities with courage and vision.

Application for Khalil Williams, MMK Scholarship

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Gender: Female _____ Male _____

Address _____

City _____, CA Zip Code _____

Cell phone _____ or Message phone _____

E--mail address _____

2. EDUCATION

Last high school attended _____

Dates attended (Month/ Year) _____ Graduate? Yes _____ No _____

School/Institution currently attending or planning to attend _____

Start date or proposed start date _____

Planned course of study education or career goals _____

3. **Resume.** Include a resume' of two (2) pages or less as part of this application. Note: A resume that exceeds the page requirements may not be considered by the Committee.

4. **Letter of reference.** Please attach *at least one but no more than two letters* of reference that support your application. **Note: all letters must be typed and must not exceed 300 words. Letters not typed or those which exceed 300 words may not be read by the Committee.**

5. **Official/Certified Transcripts** are required as part of the application package. Before the scholarship is awarded to the successful applicant, a final Official Transcript will be required to be submitted to DVL. Applicants graduating from high school also must include a "letter of acceptance" from the institution they plan to attend. Applicants currently enrolled in a post-secondary institution must present evidence of "academic progress" from an institutional official *at the counselor level or above from the institution in which they are enrolled.*

6. **Institution Accreditation.** *For applicants to be eligible for the Legacy Scholarship, all education institutions to be considered by applicants or in which they are enrolled must be "regionally accredited."* Accreditation information usually can be obtained from the Registrar of the institution.

7. **Personal Statement.** Write an original personal statement as directed in the first part of this application.

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of my application or of any scholarship award granted to me.

Printed name _____

Signature _____ Date _____