

2026 Morton A. Lambert Scholarship Guidelines

Morton A. Lambert was a teacher, basketball coach, and school superintendent in the Liberty-Perry school system for many years. He served Liberty-Perry School Corporation as the first superintendent of schools before passing away of a heart attack in 1968. His legacy of teaching moral values, good sportsmanship, civic engagement, and love of learning follows him to this day. This scholarship has been established in Mr. Lambert's memory to honor a future generation of learners within the Liberty-Perry community. His family provides this scholarship to continue a tradition of valuing higher education by providing financial resources for a worthy student.

The family of Morton A. Lambert has established the Morton A. Lambert Scholarship to be awarded to a graduating Wapahani High School senior in late spring of 2026. The applicant must be accepted to an accredited college or university and plan to pursue a four-year degree of his/her choosing.

One renewable scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to the person who demonstrates the following characteristics:

1. Possess a strong moral character.
2. High academic achievement and expressed desire to pursue higher learning to the completion of a bachelor's degree.
3. Active volunteerism in community service, participation in extra-curricular activities and/or sportsmanship.
4. Competent writing skills.
5. Clear articulation of oral skills if asked to participate in an interview.

The scholarship may be renewed up to three additional consecutive years.

The scholarship will be presented at the Wapahani High School Award's Day in May 2026 as well as at the Wapahani graduation ceremony in June 2026. In addition, the winning recipient with their family will be recognized at the Annual Wapahani All Classes Reunion. The award money will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of the college or university chosen by the recipient. The award winner will be expected to supply his or her student ID number and other pertinent information in a timely manner.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria. The applicant **must**:

- Answer each essay question as part of the application package.
- Have a 3.5 GPA or higher and attach current high school transcript to application.
- Meet Wapahani HS graduation requirements for spring of 2026.
- Supply proof of enrollment in an accredited state or university for fall of 2026. Documented proof from the university may include a receipt of paid tuition/fees, a notice from the Registrar of the college or university or copy of class schedule, or other evidence of enrollment.
- Provide two letters of reference. One letter should be from a Wapahani High School teacher and the second from a community member not related to the student.
- Include an uploaded recent photograph with application PDF.
- Applicants may be required to participate in an interview if asked.
- Application PDF and photo should be emailed to Linda Lambert: lnlamb@gmail.com
- **Applications that are not complete will not be accepted.**
- **The deadline for receiving completed application PDF is March 1, 2026.**
- Written notification of the selection committee's decision will be mailed to applicants.

Questions may be addressed to the Lambert family representative:

Linda Lambert email: lnlamb@gmail.com

Or to Liberty-Perry Alumni Association President, Richard Morris II:

Cell: 765.749.2479 email: rick.morris@libertyperryalumni.com

Award winners may reapply for three consecutive years. Guidelines and expectations for continuation of the scholarship will be made available in the spring of 2027 to the winning recipient.

2026 Morton A. Lambert Scholarship Application

Please complete this fillable PDF application and email completed application to Linda Lambert:
lnlamb@gmail.com **by the deadline March 1, 2026.**

Name

Birthdate

Home Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Father's Occupation and Workplace

Mother's Occupation and Workplace

Names and ages of siblings

Are you a current Wapahani High School Senior? _____

Are you a current resident of either Liberty or Perry Townships? _____

High school class rank/size of graduating class _____

GPA (Attach a copy of high school transcript.) _____

SAT Total Score _____ ACT score _____

What college/university do you plan to attend?

In brief (maximum 300 words per question) essay format discuss:

1. Your anticipated college major/minor and anticipated career goals. What has led you to select this major and career?
2. Projecting your life five or ten years from now, describe what you hope for and the steps you plan to take to achieve those goals. What does your life look like after college?
3. Describe a meaningful encounter, conversation, or interaction with a teacher. What made this experience meaningful?
4. List your extracurricular activities including community service and volunteering. (Include the positions of responsibility and/or number of years of participation).
5. Describe one activity from the list above that has most shaped your life. What lessons have you learned and how has that experience helped you grow?
6. Describe "faith" in terms of your personal philosophy and lifestyle.
7. Several weeks ago, your favorite grandparent, uncle or aunt has invited you to spend a weekend in their home. Just yesterday, the person you most want to date has invited you to an event for the same weekend. They have tickets to an event very high on your bucket list (Taylor Swift concert tickets, Superbowl tickets, etc.) What is your thought process as to what to do? What is your decision and how do you express yourself?
8. You find \$2,000 in an unidentified wallet in the local grocery store parking lot. As you look around, there are no cars or people nearby. What do you do?
9. What information do you want the selection committee to know about you?
10. List awards, honors, scholarships you have received.

Signature of Applicant:

Date: _____