

**THE HELENE MORGAN BABCOCK AND ALFRED BABCOCK**  
**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**2024**

## **Background:**

During the winter of 1923, the home of the Morgan family here in town caught fire and was largely destroyed. The citizens of our community responded to the crisis by taking in the children (all 17 of them!), keeping the family together and aiding in the reconstruction of their home. One of the children, Helene Morgan Babcock, remembered the words of her mother, “Never forget the kindness of the people of Dunstable,” and so established a scholarship fund to be made available to the graduating students of Dunstable as they continue their education.

The amounts of these grants are substantial, with one Babcock Scholar receiving \$4,000 each year for up to four years of full-time study. A number of additional \$2,000 scholarships are granted to other students on a one-time basis.

Additionally, Dunstable’s Commissioners of Trust Funds authorized the Babcock Scholarship Committee to award the Russell G. and Shirley L. Tobey Scholarship, which is a one-time award of \$1,000. Applicants applying for the Babcock Scholarship will be automatically considered for the Tobey Scholarship; there is no additional application required. The Tobey Scholarship recipient will be chosen using the Babcock Scholarship selection criteria.

Both of these scholarships may be applied to expenses incurred in the pursuit of advanced education beyond the secondary level in two- or four-year institutions, vocational education institutions, or formalized apprenticeship programs.

## **Application Overview:**

The application process allows the Trustees to determine how well you meet the selective criteria established for the Helene Morgan Babcock and Alfred Babcock Memorial Scholarship. Information will be gathered from a variety of sources including this application, a transcript of your grades in high school and finally, the way you represent yourself and your potential during an interview with the members of the Scholarship Committee.

As you prepare your application, please keep in mind the following selection criteria used by the scholarship Trustees to make their decisions:

- Sense of social responsibility with demonstrated effort toward helping other people
- Strong work ethic
- Personal and academic skills necessary to succeed in educational endeavors

In addition, the student must be a resident of Dunstable at the time of furthering their education.

The information requested on the following pages is required to help the Trustees make their scholarship award decisions.

## Scholarship Application:

Please provide the following information:

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL** \_\_\_\_\_

Additionally, please submit the following information:

1. Write two essays, each approximately 400 - 500 words. Your essay responses should be specific, original, and detailed.
  - **Prompt 1:** Describe an activity or experience you have had that made an impact on a community that is important to you.
  - **Prompt 2:** If you could witness a historic event (past, present, or future) firsthand, what would it be and why?
2. Describe what career paths interest you at this point, and why.
3. List the colleges or post-secondary programs to which you have applied.

4. List or attach a resume of your:
  - Honors and awards
  - School activities / Leadership
  - Youth organizations / Volunteer activities
  - Jobs/Internships
5. Attach a transcript of your grades earned thus far during your secondary education.
6. Provide any additional information regarding your personal situation, income or funding that you want the Committee to be aware of, if necessary (optional).
7. Provide the requested financial information for need-based consideration (optional).

The terms of the Helene Babcock and Alfred Babcock Memorial Scholarship Trust instrument dictate under "Award Criteria," that:

*"Guidelines and criteria shall provide that not less than half of the total grants or scholarships awarded in any year shall be based primarily on considerations of need as judged by the Trustees in their sole discretion."*

**This means that at least 50% of all scholarship grants are need-based. In order to be considered need-based you must complete the financial portion of this application (Section 7a and 7b).**

**Should you choose not to include any financial information, the candidate's application will be judged exclusively on merit with the understanding that at least 50% of the scholarship funds will be given to need-based applicants.**

Since its inception, the Trustees have frequently discussed how to meet the requirement of the Trust to determine "need" and at the same time respect the privacy concerns of the applicants. To address this problem, a special sub-committee of just two members will have access to this confidential information and will make recommendations to the full board as to the degree of "need."

Upon receipt of the application, any attached financial information will be separated, held for the exclusive review of the two Trustees referred to above, then destroyed in a secure manner.

- a. Attach a copy of your FAFSA Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which can be found on your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR).
- b. Complete the following confidential Financial Need Assessment Form.

**Financial Need Assessment Form (optional):**

Applicant's name	
# of children in college as of September 2024	
Family's annual household income	
Other assistance (e.g., scholarships, other family contributions)	
Size of household	

**8. Complete the acknowledgement below:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the information I have provided in support of my application for the Babcock Scholarship is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and represents my own work. In addition, I give my permission to the Trustees of the Scholarship to gather information from other sources in support of this application and recognize that their decision is final.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Following the review of the above information the Committee will select multiple finalists who will complete a mandatory individual interview by the Board of Trustees **during the morning of Saturday, April 6, 2024.** Anyone not selected as a finalist will also be notified. Following the completion of all interviews, the Committee will select and notify the scholarship recipients. Anyone not selected as a scholarship recipient will also be notified.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Additional information such as letters of recommendation, letters from parents, or references will neither be read nor considered during the application process. Please do not include these items.*

## Submission Information:

Completed applications may be submitted by mail or via email to the Babcock Scholarship Committee.

- If mailing the application, please submit to:

***The Babcock Scholarship Committee***

***P.O. Box 24, Dunstable MA 01827***

If mailed, the completed application must be in the hands of the Trustees or be date stamped by the US Postal Service not later than **Wednesday, March 13, 2024**. (Please be advised, if you put your application in the mailbox located outside the Dunstable post office on the due date, your application will be late. This mail goes to Worcester to a processing center first).

- If emailing the application, please submit to:

[babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com)

**Please ensure all required information is included with the submitted application. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the Committee.**

**For any questions about this scholarship, please email:**

[babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com](mailto:babcockscholarshipfund@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Board of Trustees

Helene Morgan Babcock & Alfred Babcock Memorial Scholarship Trust