

Meridian Public School Foundation Scholarship Application

TO THE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS:

Please use this application to apply for a Meridian Public School Foundation Scholarship. The application is divided into two parts: the student's portion and the school's portion.

Deadline for application is Monday, April 28th, 2003. Applications must be turned in to Mrs. Kheriaty in the Counseling Center. Late applications will not be accepted. Two letters of recommendations must accompany each application as well as a copy of the student transcript. One letter must be from a member of the Meridian High School teaching staff or administration. The second letter must be from a member of the community.

MPSF Scholarship Policy

The MPSF recognizes its obligation to set forth clear policies for awarding scholarship funds to Meridian High School graduates. The Foundation also is obligated to meet the wishes of its donors, while trying to be fair to recipients. The Board reserves the right to exercise discretion and consider extraordinary circumstances of any recipient of its funds.

1. Scholarship recommendations will be made by a committee comprised of members of the Foundation board of trustees. Final selection of recipients is at the sole discretion of the Board. Any information considered in choosing scholarship recipients will be kept strictly confidential. Notification of scholarship recipients will occur prior to graduation.
2. Scholarship winners will be selected based upon the students' scholastic achievement, intellectual ability, character, promise of contribution to society, need and recommendations.
3. Selection of recipients will be made without discrimination as to the applicant's race, gender, religious creed, country of origin or relationship with the Meridian Public School foundation or its affiliates. However, recipients must be United States citizens and scholarships will not be awarded to any student who has received (or subsequently does receive) an admission to any military academy.
4. Recipients must be continuously enrolled, in good standing, in a degree or certification program at any four-year, bachelor-degree-granting college or university, or any community college or state-supported technical college in the United States which meets the donor criteria. Scholarships may be awarded to students enrolling in private trade schools at the discretion of the Board.
5. Scholarship monies are paid directly to the post-secondary institution of the recipient's choice, unless otherwise specified by a donor or the MPSF.
6. The funds are generally awarded on a pro-rated basis for the academic year following the Board's decision.

7. Recipients are expected to carry a minimum of 10 credits per quarter or equivalent.
8. In order to disburse funds in a timely manner, recipients must provide the following to MPSF Board President on or before July 10th, or at least 60 days prior to the start of the quarter/semester to which funds will be applied:
 - 8.1 evidence of enrollment from the post-secondary institution detailing the number of credits to be taken
 - 8.2 student ID number
 - 8.3 address/phone number for the post-secondary institution
 - 8.4 notification as to whether the institution operates on a quarter or semester basis.
9. The Foundation informs the institution in writing that any unused funds must be refunded directly to the MPSF, and requires recipients to also notify the MPSF Board of unused funds in a timely manner.
10. In some cases, funds may be transferable to another accredited institution during the academic year with prior approval from the MPSF Board, provided donor criteria are met, and there is not a lapse in the recipient's education. Recipient must notify the Board of change in institution by or before the change. Certain scholarships are tied to specific institutions and/or programs, and therefore cannot be transferred.
11. Recipients must notify the MPSF Board immediately of extraordinary circumstances, which prevents them from meeting any of the Foundation or donor criteria. Initial notification may be by phone to an officer of the Board. For full Board consideration, notice must be in writing. The Foundation will make reasonable efforts to work with recipients who find themselves in extraordinary circumstances.
12. Recipients must be graduates of Meridian High School.
13. Recipients must be willing to periodically share their educational career experience with future graduates in Meridian School District as mutually arranged.

Questions regarding the Scholarship policies of the Meridian Public School Foundation should be directed to the Foundation Board. Submittal of this application is an indication that these policies have been read and agreed to by the student.

**STUDENT: COMPLETE THE FIRST 3 PAGES AND TURN THEM INTO THE COUNSELING OFFICE
BY MONDAY, APRIL 28TH
TYPE IF POSSIBLE:**

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Age _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No Social Security Number _____

Are you being considered for an appointment to a U.S. Military Academy? Yes No

What college do you plan to attend? _____

What degree are you planning to pursue? 4-year 2-year other

If "other" please explain: _____

Father's Name _____ His Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Her Occupation _____

Number of siblings in family _____ Ages _____

What is the approximate gross yearly income of your family? Total of both parents BEFORE taxes _____

Will your family be able to contribute toward your college expenses? Yes No

If yes, how much money annually or what percentage of annual income? _____

Have you received or do you expect to receive other scholarships or monetary awards? Yes No

If answer is yes, please list: _____

Will you need financial aid to continue your education: Yes No

If your answer is yes, please explain: _____

Do you plan to work part time while in school? Yes No

How many hours do you plan to work? _____

**STUDENT RETURN THIS FORM TO THE COUNSELOR BY MONDAY, APRIL 28TH
ALONG WITH A COMPLETED "STUDENT INFORMATION" FORM.**

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR PLEASE COMPLETE THE REMAINING PAGE:

PLEASE TYPE IF POSSIBLE

High School Meridian High School City Bellingham
County Whatcom State Washington
Name of student _____

PSAT score _____ ACT score _____ SAT score _____ Class Rank _____ Out of 108 GPA _____

Rate the student's level of involvement in high school:

High Moderate Low Not involved Unknown

Rate the student's leadership ability:

Excellent Good Fair Poor Unknown

Rate the student's character:

Excellent Good Fair Poor Unknown

Rate the student's potential for making a positive contribution to society:

Excellent Good Fair Poor Unknown

Please note any additional information about this student that would be helpful in evaluating him/her for a scholarship:

Signature of person completing this page: _____

Position : School Counselor