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2017-2018 Founders Scholarship Application

Please read the eligibility criteria and required documents sections carefully

Deadline: May 1, 2017 by 4:30 pm

The Founders Scholarship is named in recognition of the people who founded our University. They created an educational opportunity that has enriched lives since 1888. Long ago our students were affectionately known as "scramblers," because they came from modest means, worked hard, and left with a brighter future. Thanks to the founders, our heritage is comprised of success, service and citizenship.

The Founders Scholarship is a competitive \$2,500 need-based scholarship awarded once to students who embody these exemplary characteristics. The scholarship is named in recognition of MSUM Founders and funded by specific gifts and proceeds of the annual Founders Gala.

Students eligible to apply:

- Officially admitted to Minnesota State University Moorhead as a freshman, transfer or currently enrolled MSUM undergraduate student (replaces previously awarded freshman, upper class or transfer scholarship);
- High School students: Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of admission to MSUM
Current MSUM students: Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of Fall semester 2016
Transfer Students: Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA from previous college;
- Applicants must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester at MSUM;
- Applicants must be seeking their first undergraduate degree;
- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident status;
- Results of the 2017-2018 FAFSA must be received by MSUM Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid by the application deadline of May 1, 2017. Because this is a need-based scholarship, the estimated family contribution computed by FAFSA must be less than 17,000 to apply for the scholarship.
- Students previously awarded a Founders Scholarship are not eligible to apply.

(If awarded, the Founders Scholarship will replace any previous freshman automatic, upper class, transfer automatic, or phi theta kappa scholarships)

Scholarship continuation: A 3.0 cumulative MSUM GPA at the end of fall 2017 semester is required to retain scholarship eligibility for spring 2018 semester.

Applicant Information (Please Print)

Name _____ Dragon/STAR ID _____
Last First

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Phone _____ mnstate e-mail address _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Previous college (for transfer applicants): _____

Required Documents (your application will not be considered if the following documents are not received by May 1, 2017):

1. **A 200-300 word typed essay** responding to a question: *Why is a college education important to you? How will you use your educational experiences to make the world a better place?*
2. **Provide a resume** of offices you have held and activities in which you have participated (please include school and community organizations, leadership, work and volunteer experience).
3. **This application form.**
4. **Results from the 2017-2018 FAFSA. Must be received electronically by May 1, 2017.**

Other Scholarships

Talent Scholarships - Talent Scholarships are available based on exceptional talent in the areas of art, music, communication studies, film studies, theatre arts. Recipients of talent awards are selected by department faculty. In order to apply for a talent award, please contact the following departments directly for scholarship requirements:

School of Arts: (218) 477-2151

School of Performing Arts: (218) 477-2124

School of Media Arts & Design: (218) 477-2126

Athletic Scholarships - For information on applying for athletic scholarships, call the Athletic department at (218) 477-2622

Departmental Scholarships - Contact the departments directly to see if they have scholarships available.

Other Financial Aid:

Students who need more financial help than the scholarship award provides should contact the Minnesota State University Moorhead Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid. The Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid delivers over \$60 million of assistance to more than 85% of degree-seeking students each year. Grants, loans and employment opportunities are available. These programs require completion of the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available at www.fafsa.gov. Early application is recommended to avoid delays in receiving funds.