



Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid
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2019-2020 Upper Class Scholarship Application

Only one application is required to be considered for all Upper Class scholarships. However, only one Upper Class scholarship will be awarded.

The Upper Class scholarships are made possible through donations made to the MSU Moorhead Foundation by alumni and friends of the University. This is a one year competitive scholarship and awards are made solely on the application materials received with this application and review of the applicant’s transcript. When determining who is selected for a scholarship and the amount awarded, consideration is given to:

- Quality of the essay submitted in regard to both content and grammar (be sure to directly address the essay topic);
- Strength of the recommendation provided;
- GPA of the student with greater weighting given to students with higher GPAs;
- Number of MSUM credits earned (greater weighting of the application may be given to students with more credits);
- Financial need of the student may be a factor for some scholarships.

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be seeking their first undergraduate degree.
- Applicants must be a currently enrolled full time student at MSU Moorhead who has completed at least 12 MSU Moorhead credits by the end of the current fall semester and not be subject to academic or financial aid suspension.
- Applicants must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 MSUM credit hours per semester to receive this scholarship.
- Must not be graduating Summer 2019 or before (Scholarships are for Fall 2019 and/or Spring 2020).

Required Documents (your application will not be considered if all documents are not submitted):

- Type a 200-300 word essay on, “Identify one course outside your major/minor that you found especially interesting and explain why.” Your essay must include a main point, provide illustrative examples and a clear explanation. If you would like feedback before submitting, try Smarthinking, University Writing Center, or other programs.
- One recommendation form (form is on the financial aid website: https://www.mnstate.edu/uploadedFiles/Orlando/Content/Cost_and_Aid/Scholarships/upper-class-scholarship-recommendation-form.pdf). You should choose an evaluator (faculty/staff/direct supervisor) who will have sufficient time to fill out the recommendation form and who knows you well enough to evaluate you. **DO NOT** submit letters of recommendation – the recommendation form on the website **MUST** be used. Submit **only one** recommendation form.

Applicant Information (Please Print)

Dragon/STAR ID _____ (Your Dragon ID/STAR ID number is used to identify the applicant, to determine eligibility and benefits, to record information about your college attendance and progress, and assure you received your money.)

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Address for Award Notification _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ mnstate e-mail _____ Birthdate _____

Major _____ Minor _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____

What high school did you graduate from? _____

DEADLINE: February 1, 2019 by 4:30 PM

Other Scholarships

Talent Scholarships: Talent Scholarships are available based on exceptional talent in the areas of art, music, speech, cinema arts or 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 Communication & Journalism: 218-477-2983

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

School of Performing Arts: 218-477-2124

School of Art: 218-477-2151

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

Department Scholarships: Contact the departments directly for departmental scholarships.

Scholarship Searches

Visit MSUM's scholarship search at mnstate.edu/scholarships/

Information about other non-MSUM scholarships is available from our website at mnstate.edu/financialaid/scholarships/external.aspx

To find more scholarship options, try the Fastweb Scholarship search: fastweb.com

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 \$60M 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 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov.

Students can start filling out the FAFSA starting October 1, 2018 using 2017 tax information. Work Study and FSEOG awards are based on early application and eligibility requirements. Make sure your FAFSA is received by the federal processor before Thanksgiving.

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