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Bloomington, IL 61702

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A VALEDICTORIAN TO APPLY!!!

Mid-Illinois Dollars for Scholars Foundation in Bloomington is awarding scholarships to seniors graduating high school in 2011. Students who apply must be residents of McLean County, Illinois.

The foundation is a nonprofit organization that encourages high school graduates to further their education by providing them with scholarship assistance.

- Applicants must rank in the top 40 percent of their class and be enrolled in a higher education program.
- Selection will be based on citizenship, community service, financial need, career goals and a comprehensive, 300 word essay written by the applicant.
- Applications are available on our website at www.midfs.org and must be received by the foundation on or before Friday May 13th, 2011.
- Checks for each scholarship grant shall be forwarded to the financial aid office at the appropriate college or institution for credit to the account of the scholarship recipient.
- Applications and essays become property of the foundation and will not be returned.

Mid-Illinois Dollars for Scholars Foundation acts as both a depository and custodian of foundation funds designated for scholarship purposes, and disburses these funds annually in a manner decided upon by the board of directors and in accordance with the Mid-Illinois Dollars for Scholars Foundation by-laws.

The executive board will decide on the number, type and amount of each scholarship and determine the recipients. Basic considerations shall include potential and demonstrated desire to complete a college education or vocational/technical course consistent with personal goals.

The foundation is a select associated group of:



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JUDGING

Foundation board members will conduct the judging.

Each judge will award points as follows:

- A maximum of 75 points to the essay based on:
 - Clarity
 - Neatness
 - Originality
 - Meaningful content
 - Adherence to the guidelines
 - Grammar and Punctuation
 - Accurate presentation of facts

- A maximum of 25 points to the resume based on:
 - Content
 - Neatness
 - Presentation
 - Potential of student's success in college

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- Winners must begin their studies within one year of graduation from high school.
- Awards will be made to the college, university, junior college or vocational school.
- Winners must provide the address and telephone number of the financial aid office of the institution.

NOTE: Scholarship money will be held by the foundation until written verification is received from the Registrar's Office where the student is enrolled. Upon verification of all materials, the money will be forwarded to the institution. The scholarship will be forfeited, if written verification from the institution is not submitted.

Scholarship winners will be notified by June 30th, 2011 and the scholarship will be awarded on or before December 31, 2011.

AUTHORITY OF THE FOUNDATION

All applications and submissions become property of Mid-Illinois Dollars for Scholars Foundation. The foundation will not be responsible for late submissions, applications lost in the mail or documents post-marked by the appropriate date, but received after the deadline.

The Mid-Illinois Dollars for Scholars foundation has the ultimate authority to amend any of the above rules to ensure fairness in the award of scholarships. Any questions regarding the scholarship should be addressed in writing to the foundation.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

First Name: _____ **Middle Initial:** _____ **Last Name:** _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **State** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Birth date: _____

High School: _____

GPA.: _____/_____
Class Rank: _____/_____

Graduation Date: _____

Future field of study: _____

Counselor's Name: _____

Counselor's Phone: _____

College, Junior College, Technical, Vocational School:

Resume guidelines:

Please include information about your school, community activities, employment, awards or volunteer work. The resume should be typed.

Essay guidelines: Please write a 300-word essay on the following subjects:

- What college career goals have you planned for yourself?
- How do you plan to achieve your college goals?
- What do you want to be doing in five years and why?
- How do you plan to achieve your life/career goals?

Your essay should be double-spaced and typed.

Attach your Resume, Essay, Wallet size photo, and Applicant Appraisal to this application.

Please sign:

I swear the essay and resume I am submitting are my original work and that application information is true. I understand the essay and resume becomes the property of The Mid-Illinois Dollars for Scholars Foundation for purposes they deem appropriate and that they will not be returned. I agree to cooperate with Mid-Illinois Dollars for Scholars Foundation's promotional activities related to the scholarship competition, and should I be selected a winner; I give them permission to use my name and photo in any promotional activities. If any part of the application resume or essay is found to be false or plagiarized, I agree to forfeit my application.

Signature: _____ **Date Submitted:** _____

Submit application by Friday May 13th, 2011 to:
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APPLICANT APPRAISAL

Applicant's name _____

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)

To be completed by a high school or college counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a supervisor.

You have been asked to provide information in support of this application for financial aid. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant or photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope.

The applicant's choice of a postsecondary education program is	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and community is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor

Comments _____

Appraiser's Signature _____ Date _____ Title _____ Telephone Number _____
 Appraiser's Business Address (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Please return this form to Mid-Illinois Dollars for Scholars Foundation by May 13th, 2011.