

2009-10 Morrison Education Foundation Scholarship Program

A purpose of the Morrison Education Foundation is to assist deserving men and women of Whiteside County, Illinois, preferably those who are graduates of Morrison Community Unit School District No. 6, in attending any accredited junior college, college, or university in the United States or abroad.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for a Morrison Education Foundation Scholarship, an applicant must:

1. Be a graduate or student of a high school located in Whiteside County, Illinois. Preference will be given to graduates or students of Morrison Community Unit School District No. 6.
2. Be attending or plan to attend any junior college, college or university in the United States or abroad, providing that the school is accredited by the regional crediting association for the area in which the school located.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

3. Recipients of Morrison Education Foundation scholarship awards shall be chosen from among the applicants by the Advisory Committee of the Foundation after consulting with the Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee. The members of the Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee shall be members of the community, none of whom may be relatives of any of the applicants. The scholarship selection process shall be controlled by the Foundation's Advisory committee on any matter arising in connection with the scholarship program, whether or not related to a matter discussed in this information brochure.
4. Scholarship recipients usually will rank in the upper twenty-five percent (25%) of their class, but this will not always be required if the candidate shows strength in the other criteria for selection.
5. Scholarship recipients shall have performed in the upper 20th percentile on the ACT college entrance examination.
6. Scholarship recipients shall have had some participation in extra-curricular activities.
7. Although it is intended that the scholarships will be awarded to students showing high academic achievement and a level of maturity that is indicative of a successful post-high school academic career, the Foundation may consider the financial resources of the applicant's family.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The following must be submitted by each applicant for a scholarship:

1. Scholarship application form.
2. High school transcript or applicable college transcript.
3. Four (4) character recommendation forms as follows: Two character recommendations from school faculty members. **And** two character recommendations from adults other than relatives or faculty members.
4. ACT test results.
5. 6 Finalists may be requested to have a personal interview with one or more members of the Advisory/Scholarship Selection Committees.

DEADLINE

All applications must be completed by March 15, 2010

RENEWAL PROCEDURE

1. The Foundation requests that each student submit a letter of reapplication to the Foundation by May 15 of each academic year.
2. Each student will request that the appropriate grade transcript for the just-completed school year be forwarded from the school to the Foundation.

CHOICE OF COLLEGE

Scholarship recipients shall enroll as degree candidates in any junior college, college or university in the United States or abroad, providing the school is accredited by the regional accrediting association for the area in which the school is located.

COURSE OF STUDY

Students may enroll in any course of study they choose.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarships will be paid directly to the chosen school for appropriate disposition.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The amount of each scholarship award will be established solely within the discretion of the permanent Advisory Committee for the Foundation, but usually will not be less than \$1000 per school year.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Scholarship award recipients must enter school by the fall of the award year. They must continue in school without interruption for the normal school year, except for vacation periods, illness, active military duty other cause which the Foundation in its discretion shall consider adequate.

Recipients must complete their courses of study in the normal prescribed time required to attain a degree, earning as a full time student the normal number of hours and credits contemplated under a four year academic program. The recipient must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.75 on a four point scale or 3.75 on a five point scale in undergraduate school.

If the student makes the normal academic progress specified by the institution and if all other qualifications are maintained, each recipient may receive scholarship assistance for a maximum of four academic years of undergraduate studies.

Any scholarship may be revoked at any time if the student fails to comply with the responsibilities noted herein.

If any amounts received under this scholarship program are not used in the furtherance of the education of the recipient, funds diverted for any other purpose shall be repaid to the Foundation.

AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS

Applications for a Morrison Education Foundation Scholarship usually may be obtained from the office of the Morrison High School Guidance Counselor or by writing to the:

Morrison Education Foundation
P.O. Box 360,
Morrison, Illinois 61270

All information contained in the application documents will be kept strictly confidential.

The criteria for awarding scholarships is subject to change from time to time, said changes to be entirely within the discretion of the Advisory Committee of the Morrison Education Foundation.

All scholarships shall be awarded by the Morrison Education Foundation without discrimination based on gender, ethnic origin, race, religion, or age.

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APPLICATION

Type or print in ink all information requested. This form must be delivered to the Guidance Counselor, Morrison High School, 643 Genesee Avenue, Morrison, IL 61270 for delivery to the Foundation and be received no later than March 15, 2010 in order to be considered.

I hereby apply for a Scholarship from the Morrison Education Foundation and if selected, agree to comply with all requirements of the Program. For consideration as an applicant, I submit the following information:

NAME _____

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last	First	Middle	
ADDRESS _____	_____	_____	_____
No. Street	City	State	Zip Code

BIRTH DATE _____

NAME OF FATHER _____

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last	First	Middle	
ADDRESS _____	_____	_____	_____
No. Street	City	State	Zip Code

NAME OF MOTHER _____

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last	First	Middle	
ADDRESS _____	_____	_____	_____
No. Street	City	State	Zip Code

PARENTS' EMPLOYMENT IS:

NO. OF YEARS EMPLOYED

At present occupation

FATHER _____

MOTHER _____

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Name of Applicant: _____

Please describe in your own words your work activities during the past three years, either for your family or for outside employers

Important: If you have earned credits in high schools other than the one you are now attending, be sure all grades and credits are included in the high school record to be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by your present school principal.

Name of high school and year graduated or will graduate from high school:

Do you feel your high school grades are an accurate index of your abilities: ___ yes ___ no

If not, what other factors do you consider more indicative of your abilities: _____

Indicate your college preference: First Choice _____

Number of years you will attend: _____

Estimated cost of tuition: \$ _____ Per: _____ Sem. _____ Yr.

Estimated cost of room/board: \$ _____

Second Choice _____

Number of years you will attend: _____

Estimated cost of tuition: \$ _____ Per: _____ Sem. _____ Yr.

At which one(s) have you already applied?

How do you plan to pay for your college education?

Do you anticipate any problems with paying for your college education? ___yes ___no

If yes, explain:

What course of study do you plan to take?

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Name of Applicant: _____

What special recognition have you received for outstanding school work such as honors, prizes, or scholarships? _____

Specify what part you have played in activities both in high school and outside. If space is required, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITIES</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What have been your favorite recreational activities or hobbies?

Have you received any special recognition connected with these? _____

NOTE: The remainder of this application should be handwritten in ink.

Please indicate, in your own words on one page:

- 1. Why are you applying for this scholarship?**
- 2. What are your educational objectives?**
- 3. What are your occupational objectives, and what are the reasons you decided on these?**

As an applicant you must submit four (4) character recommendation forms from persons you select. The form is attached to this application - next page (*print four (4) copies*).

Name of Recommender

Occupation

Character Recommendation for Morrison Education Foundation Scholarship

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Please fill out this part only and then give this sheet to **four** people you have selected for a character recommendation, NOT A RELATIVE, who knows you well enough to answer all or most of the questions.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS OF APPLICANT _____

NOTE TO RECOMMENDER: Please fill out this sheet and return it to the high school counselor. Your comments are confidential and will not be revealed to the applicant.

How many years have you known the applicant? _____
In what relationship? _____

Please indicate with a check mark in the appropriate space how you would rate the applicant in each of the following characteristics (in comparison with other about the same age).

CHARACTERISTIC	EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVE	UNKNOWN
Maturity					
Industriousness					
Reliability					
Leadership					
Emotional Stability					
Cooperation					
Intellectual Interest					
Moral Character					
Acceptance Socially					
Citizenship					

Do you think the applicant will succeed in college?

What do you think are the applicant's most significant talents?

What do you think are the applicant's most significant limitations?

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