



MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS 2024 HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mississippi Professional Educators will award up to twenty scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to children of MPE members who are high school seniors and wish to pursue undergraduate studies at a college or university.

The Scholarship is available to any high school senior who:

- Is a son/daughter of an active professional MPE member who has been a member for a minimum of one year immediately prior to the application deadline
- Will be enrolled as a freshman in a Mississippi college or university in the fall of 2024
- Parent is employed at an educational institution in Mississippi

Procedures for submission:

- Application packets must be in the MPE office by 4:30 pm on Friday, March 22, 2024, to be eligible for review.
- All materials, including the completed application and all items from the checklist must be submitted and all materials must be accurate and completely filled out including:
 - **An official high school transcript with cumulative GPA and ACT score through December 2023**
 - **Resume' reflecting school activities, community service and/or part-time work**
 - **Letter of recommendation from a teacher (other than a parent), minister or community official**
 - **Essay (500 to 600 words discussing your future plans. Please include the reason(s) you selected your career path and how your K-12 educational experience impacted this decision.)**
 - **Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal***

Scoring and Ranking of the Award winners: The applications will be ranked in five areas and a total of 25 points are available:

- 5 points for High School GPA/ACT score
- 5 points for Resume'
- 5 points for Years Parent has been a member of MPE
- 5 points for Essay on Assigned Topic
- 5 points for the Letter of Recommendation

MPE will award two scholarships to the highest ranked applicants from each of MPE's eight membership districts and will award four scholarships to the highest ranked applicants in the remaining pool of applications (the state at large). If MPE does not have any applicants from a membership district *or applications that meet minimal point requirements*, MPE will award that scholarship to the next highest ranked applicant from the state at large. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the parent that has the most years of MPE membership will be awarded the scholarship. All scholarship funds will be paid directly to the scholarship recipient.

All scholarships are given at the discretion of MPE and its professional staff. All submitted applications become property of MPE and cannot be returned. All rulings are final.

Please email the completed application and required material in PDF format to Barbie@mpe.org.

MPE does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religious affiliation or disability. MPE reserves the right to reject any applicant who fails to submit a completed application form, a transcript and the required letter of recommendation.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE MPE OFFICE BY 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (Check as each item is included)

- **An official high school transcript with cumulative GPA and ACT score through December 2023. Transcript to be submitted to MPE electronically by applicant.**
- **Resume' reflecting school activities, community service and/or part time work**
- **Letter of recommendation from a teacher_(other than a parent), minister or community official**
- **Essay (500-600 word essay discussing your future. Please include the reason(s) you selected your career path and how your K-12 educational experience impacted this decision.**
- **Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal***

Completed applications and transcripts with ACT score and cumulative GPA must be scanned in and submitted as a PDF via email to Barbie@mpe.org.