

Meridian Educational Support Personnel Association (MESPA) Scholarship

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ELIGIBILITY

Meridian High School student(s) who are receiving their diploma and will be entering their freshman year of college or technical school in the year following the scholarship award are eligible to apply.

STIPEND

The scholarship is \$500 for the first year of college or technical training.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Students must include, with a completed application form, an official high school transcript showing grades from the past four years, two letters of recommendation from an administrator, high school teacher, guidance counselor and/or educational support staff person, and a copy of scores from an SAT, ACT or similar national college entrance exam.

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Please note that all sections must be completed and all supporting materials enclosed in order for your application to be considered.

1. Personal Information. Type or print the following information in the blanks provided.

Name (last)_____ (first)_____ (middle initial)_____

Address_____ Date of birth_____

City_____ State_____ Zip Code_____

Phone (area code)_____ - _____ - _____ E-mail Address_____

2. Grades and Scores. GPA_____ SAT scores: Writing_____ Math_____ Critical Reading_____ ACT average composite score:_____

Enclose a recent **official** transcript showing courses and grades for the past four years and copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores.

3. Recommendation. Have two of your teachers, guidance counselors, administrators, educational support staff persons write a letter of recommendation supporting your application on school stationery, seal it in an envelope for confidentiality, and enclose it with your application.

4. Colleges/Universities/Technical Training Institutes and Anticipated Course of Study. List the colleges/universities/technical training institutes to which you have applied or to which you are applying, and your anticipated course of study. **You must be entering your undergraduate studies with the intent on pursuing a career.**

School

Major

_____	_____
_____	_____
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5. Essay. Write a short essay (500 words or less) on the following theme and *enclose* it with your application. Half of the application evaluation will be based on this essay.

Theme: *School support employees includes: cooks, paraprofessionals, transportation personnel, custodial and maintenance employees. How has (one or more) school support personnel employees in the district had an impact or has affected your student career at Meridian Public Schools?*

6. Release For Publication. This will allow the MESPA to release the essay for viewing or publication to Meridian employees, administration, the general public, etc. The scholarship award will not be affected by a refusal to release the personal essay. Please mark the appropriate box and add signature of self and parent/guardian.

- ☐ I allow the MESPA Scholarship Committee to allow the release of my essay;
☐ I do not allow the MESPA Scholarship Committee to release my essay.

_____ (student) _____ (parent/guardian)

7. Send your completed application to the Attention: MESPA Scholarship Committee, Meridian High School Guidance Office, 3303 N. Meridian Road, Sanford, MI 48657. Application packages must be postmarked the last day of March of the scholarship award year. Direct any questions to Renaye Baker, 989-631-5531, rbaker@mea.org.

8. Award. If awarded the scholarship, the recipient will need to obtain verification of enrollment in the college/university/or technical training institute they will be attending and send a copy of the verification to Renaye Baker at 509 Vance Road, Midland, MI 48640. Once verification of enrollment is received a check will be sent within 30 days directly to the recipient.

9. Signature. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct

(sign)_____.