



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarships are available to graduates of SouthWest Metro Intermediate District 288 programs. The primary purpose of these scholarships is to encourage outstanding SWMetro students and to applaud perseverance in education despite obstacles.

For the 2016/2017 school year, several scholarships (\$500 - \$1000) will be awarded.

### Scholarship Selection is based upon the following:

- A personal narrative essay (5 Points).
- Volunteer/community service project work (2 Points).
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Have applications pending at an accredited post-secondary institution.
- If already accepted to a post-secondary institution, submit a copy of the acceptance letter.
- Interview with scholarship committee of SWMetro Foundation board (25 Points).
- Financial need as addressed during the interview process (5 Points).
- Willingness to talk with current SWMetro students during the 2017-2018 school year about your college experience.

NOTE - Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of scoring as noted above. Academic record and letters of recommendation are also considered. Recipients will be selected from a pool of qualified applicants.

Selection of recipients is made by the Scholarship Committee. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final. Applicants will be notified in April. Scholarship Recipients will be invited to attend an awards breakfast on Thursday, May 25, 2017 with their families. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

### **Due FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.**

Finalists will be contacted for informal interviews with a scholarship committee of the SouthWest Metro Educational Foundation Board

Mail or hand deliver applications to:  
Counseling Department  
SouthWest Metro Intermediate District 288  
401 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Chaska, MN 55318

For questions, contact:

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**SOUTHWEST METRO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

MISSION STATEMENT: To sustain and advance customized education services and programs offered to communities by the SouthWest Metro Intermediate District 288.

## Enriching Lives through Education

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Which Scholarships are you applying for (Check All that Apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Beginnings Scholarship<br>(2 available at \$1,000 each)                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Lake Lions Club Special Education<br>Scholarship<br>(1 available at \$1,000)<br><u>Note: Must be a Prior Lake or Scott County<br/>Resident and must have a current IEP</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Basic Education Scholarship<br>(1 available at \$1,000 and 1 available at \$500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education Scholarship (1 available at<br>\$1,000)<br><u>Note: Must have a current IEP</u>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SWMetro High School Scholarship<br>(1 available at \$1,000)                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Scholarship<br>(1 available at \$1,000)<br><u>Note: Must have graduated between 2014 and<br/>2016</u>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Tech Scholarship<br>(2 available at \$1,000)                                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At Large<br>(2 available at \$500 each)  |   |

Do you have an IEP?  Yes  No

Who is your case manager AND/OR career and technical teacher?

When is/was your high school graduation date? \_\_\_\_\_



Volunteer Work/Community Service Projects (2 Points)

Have you served as a volunteer or participated in a community service project within the last three years?

- Yes
- No

If so, where and for how long?

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Tell us more about your volunteer experience(s) or community service project(s). Describe your experiences in the activities and how the activities helped shape you. (Use the back side of page if needed.)

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If you are awarded a SWMetro Foundation scholarship, are you willing to come back and share your college experiences with current SWMetro students one time during the 2017-2018 school year?  Yes  No



What accredited post-secondary school(s) have you applied to?

Have you been accepted?  Yes  No

If yes, what school? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended field of work, vocation, or academic major?

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What is your start date at post-secondary school? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in participating in our mentorship program if selected as a scholarship recipient?  Yes  No

**REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:**

**1. Personal Narrative (5 point maximum score)**

In approximately 500 words, tell us about you, where you have been, where you are now, and where you hope to be. Describe your past, including any obstacles that you had to overcome and continue to strive to overcome. As you write about the present, depict things that you learned about yourself. Finally, include a plan for the future and how a post-secondary education will help you achieve your plan.

**2. Letters of Recommendations**

Provide a minimum of two letters of recommendation from teachers, school counselors, principals, or employers. After the two minimum, additional letters of recommendations may be from church leaders, community leaders, etc.

**3. Copy of Acceptance Letter(s)**

If already accepted, attach a copy(ies) of the acceptance letter(s) or email(s) you have received.