



## **MICHIGAN CONSERVATION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

### **GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION**

The MCOA Memorial Scholarship has been established in memory and honor of all Michigan Conservation Officers who have lost their lives in the course of their duties to protect and preserve the natural resources of this great state.

This scholarship is intended to recognize and reward need, academic achievement and potential of students; to stimulate recruitment of well qualified candidates for careers in our society today; and reflect the interest and involvement of the members of the MCOA. Applications for this scholarship will be judged at the MCOA Board Meetings held during the month of August. At least one (1) \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded. It is the intent of the MCOA to award additional scholarships when possible.

### **ELGIBILITY**

- a. The applicant must be sponsored by a full time Michigan Conservation Officer or retired full time Michigan Conservation Officer who is a member of the MCOA and is active and current with their dues. Conservation Officers may only sponsor one applicant per year.
- b. The applicant must be in at least his/her second year of undergraduate study at an accredited college or university.
- c. All applications must be sent to the MCOA Memorial Scholarship Chairperson and postmarked no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
- d. Winner(s) will be announced at the MCOA Board Meeting in August. Awards will be presented as soon as possible thereafter.
- e. A check will be made out to the winner(s). A certificate will also be presented to the winner(s).



## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- a. Applicants must have completed the first year course at an accredited college, university or junior college leading to a degree.
- b. Applicant must complete the application provided.
- c. Statements of financial need must be completed.
- d. List the financial aid provided by applicant's parents or guardian.
- e. Recommendation by applicant's student advisor or counselor must be included.
- f. Applicant must submit an official copy of his/her current transcript and/or grade point average from the institution attended.
- g. A letter of recommendation by an additional reference other than a family member must be included.
- h. Applicant must write a brief personal data page on his/her accomplishments and include a statement of professional goals and/or objectives.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

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| 1. NEED        | 30% | The information on the application form regarding the Financial status of the applicant, the family, and the actual need of the applicant. |
| 2. SCHOLARSHIP | 30% | Scholastic transcript with GPA for all courses taken during previous years with an explanation of grading system.                          |
| 3. AIM         | 35% | The applicant's interest in his/her chosen field, as well as future plans and goals.   |
| 4. PERSONALITY | 5%  | Letter or statement of reference from advisor or counselor and from additional reference.  |



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**APPLICATION**

Date of Application:

Name:

Home Address:

College/University Address if Different:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Marital Status:

Parent(s)/Guardian:

Address:

College or University:

Location:

Academic Objective:

Field of Study:

Education: List in chronological order the high school(s) and colleges you have  
Attended (attach additional sheets if necessary) :

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Tuition and Fees:

Books/Equipment:

Food:

Lodging:

Clothing:

Personal/Recreational:

TOTAL:

ESTIMATED INCOME

Personal Savings:

Earnings during Vacation:

Earnings during the academic year:

Loans:

Aid from parents or relatives:

Other sources:

TOTAL:

CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

DEPENDENT STUDENT:

Parent(s) combined gross:

Number of dependents:

Will you live at home?

INDEPENDENT STUDENT:

Your (and spouse if married)  
Combined gross income last year:

Number of dependents:

Will you live with parents?

Summarize financial obligations you and your family have which affects the potential contribution to your education (attach additional sheets if necessary):

How many brothers and sisters do you have? What are their ages? How many are in high school? College? Self-supporting? Attach additional sheets if necessary.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEEDS

I certify that financial assistance is necessary for me to complete my educational program in my chosen field.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



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**INDEPENDENT REFERENCE FORM  
(non-family member)**

**NAME OF APPLICANT:**

The above student has applied for the MCOA Memorial Scholarship and is requesting that you serve as a reference. Please complete the form and return to the student in a sealed envelope. This reference is confidential and for use only by the MCOA Scholarship Committee on determination of the applicant's need and eligibility. Feel free to use the back of this form or attach additional pages as needed. It is the responsibility of the student to return the application package as a whole.

**NAME OF REFERENCE:**

**ADDRESS:**

**OCCUPATION:**

**TELEPHONE:**

1. Please specify your relationship with the applicant.
2. Does the applicant have special needs or family circumstances which, in your opinion, qualify him/her for financial assistance?
3. How would you characterize the applicant's motivation for continuing his/her education?
4. What talents or personal attributes does the applicant possess?



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**SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR ADVISOR REFERENCE FORM**

NAME OF APPLICANT:

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NAME OF REFERENCE:

ADDRESS:

OCCUPATION:

TELEPHONE:

1. Please specify your relationship with the applicant.
2. Does the applicant have special needs or family circumstances which, in your opinion, qualify him/her for financial assistance?
3. How would you characterize the applicant's motivation for continuing his/her education?
4. What talents or personal attributes does the applicant possess?



## PERSONAL DATA ESSAY

On a separate page write briefly about your personal characteristics and abilities. Include your interest in your chosen field and your future plans and goals. Please sign and date the page and attach it to the application.

I certify that the attached essay is completely the result of my efforts and that I have received no assistance in its preparation. I understand this entry becomes the property of the MCOA and that it may be printed/distributed in whole or in part.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## AGREEMENT

If I am awarded a scholarship by the MCOA, it is my intention to complete my education as outlined and serve as a member of the profession for which I am preparing myself. As a citizen I will strive to use wisely, conserve, and protect the natural resources of the state of Michigan for the enjoyment of this and future generations. I understand this application and all credentials submitted by me or others in my behalf will remain the property of the MCOA Memorial Scholarship Committee.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SPONSORING FULL TIME OR RETIRED FULL TIME  
CONSERVATION OFFICER WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MCOA AND IS ACTIVE  
AND CURRENT WITH HIS/HER DUES:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS AND ANY ATTACHMENTS TO:

MCOA Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 324  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

\* Applications must be postmarked no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> of the current year \*