

The Maryland Sign Association Memorial Scholarship Fund Application

For the 2011-2012 academic year



Return completed application packet to:

MSA Memorial Scholarship Fund
1813 Meadowgrove Lane
Frederick, MD 21702

General Information

The Board of Directors of the Maryland Sign Association solicits applicants and collects the application for this scholarship.

We are pleased that you are interested in furthering your education and we are excited to be part of helping you to reach your goals.

Candidates must complete this application to be eligible for consideration.

Prior versions of this application are not acceptable.

Student Criteria and Information

1. The Maryland Sign Association (MSA) Memorial Scholarship fund is open to any employees or dependents of employees of member companies of the Maryland Sign Association. These scholarships are open to college students regardless of their course of study. The scholarships are available to those working in the sign industries that are seeking to further their career in the sign industry.
2. A MSA Member must sponsor the applicant. The name and phone number of the MSA member is required on the application.
3. Two letters of recommendation are required. These letters cannot be from a relative of the applicant.
4. The applicant must be a high school senior or a student currently enrolled full time in an accredited two or four-year college or university.
5. In addition, grants are available to persons working for a member company who wished to attend a class or seminar to further their career in the sign industry.
6. Selection shall be based upon academic achievement, school and community service and the essay responses.

Timeline

1. Scholarship applications are available on line at the Maryland Sign Association website: www.mdsignassn.org
2. The MSA must receive the completed application package with all enclosures by April 30 of each year at 5:00 p.m. for consideration (not post-marked).
3. Scholarship checks, made payable to the educational institution, are mailed after August 1 of each year.

How to Apply

The applicant should submit one set of the following as part of the Scholarship packet to be considered for this scholarship. The Maryland Sign Association has the right to request any additional material from the applicant.

- A. Completed scholarship application
- B. Copy of the applicant's high school or college transcript. High school seniors must include grades from the first marking period.
- C. Two recommendation letters; these may not be from a family member.

Scholarship Awards

1. As a condition of the scholarship, recipients must submit an official transcript to the Maryland Sign Association within 30 days of the close of each academic term to substantiate their enrollment and GPA. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of current and future scholarships. The Maryland Sign Association may ask that the scholarship award be returned if transcripts are not submitted on time.
2. Recipients who leave a program, do not take a full time class load, are on academic probation or take a leave of absence should contact the Maryland Sign Association within 30 days. Noncompliance may result in the forfeiture of current or future scholarships. The Maryland Sign Association may ask to have the scholarship award returned if the recipient fails to do so.

SECTION 4- DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT CAREER GOALS:

SECTION 5- ACCOMPLISHMENTS, TALENTS, AND AWARDS

An accomplishment is something you have done or earned. A talent or skill is something you have developed. An award is something given or bestowed upon you. Please list below in the order of importance to you.

<u>Achievements, Talents and Awards</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Year of achievement</u>
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SECTION 8- EMPLOYMENT

Please list **paid** work experience and internships. Start with most recent position.

Employer name	Dates	Position/Duties	Hours
_____	_____	_____	_____
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SECTION 9- PERSONAL REFERENCES

Please list the names and addresses of two personal references that have written letters of recommendation for you. These letters may not be from family members.

These letters MUST accompany this application; they cannot be sent under separate cover.

Name	Relationship	Address
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

SECTION 10- OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS APPLIED FOR

Have you applied for other scholarships?	Yes	No
Have you received other scholarships?	Yes	No

If, yes, please list from whom and how much:

SECTION 12- FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Please describe your financial resources, or strategy for paying for this school, course of seminar:

SECTION 13- PERSONAL STATEMENT

Include other information you wish the Scholarship Committee to know about you, your family, and your personal situation not already described in the application.

SECTION 14- MSA SPONSOR

Name of MSA Sponsor_____

Phone number for MSA Sponsor_____

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APPLICANT CHECKLIST AND ATTESTATION:

Completed and signed application pages 4 –9 using the PDF format (required)

Two letters of recommendation letters; these may not be from a family member (required)

Copy of high school or college transcript

High school seniors must include first marking period grades (required)

Name and phone number of Maryland Sign Association member sponsor

I attest that all information contained within this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Signature of applicant: _____

Date: _____