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Frequently Asked Scholarship Questions

WHEN MAY I APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarship information on mpacf.org is frequently updated. Scholarship information is updated and made available online in early January of each year. 2019 scholarship applications must be submitted online through the Community Foundation's Scholarship Application System in early March of 2019 (exact date, TBD).

EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Early College Program participants will apply during their fifth year, the last year of the Early College Program. MPACF does not make scholarships to early college students until the completion of their fifth year.

HOW DO I SUBMIT A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

All applications will be completed online using our Scholarship Application System. The online application system will require students to answer questions in order to determine which scholarship(s) they are eligible to apply for.

DOES IT COST ANYTHING TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

No, there is no cost to apply. Scholarships from legitimate sources should not require a fee to apply for or to receive an award.

DO I HAVE TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION IN ONE SITTING?

No, you may use your email address and password to return to your application at any time until the deadline. We recommend you save your work often while filling out the online application.

MUST I LIVE IN ISABELLA COUNTY TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

The vast majority of scholarships offered through the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation are intended to be received by students graduating from high schools located in Isabella County or individuals who reside in Isabella County. However, a few of our scholarship funds were established by founders with interests outside of Isabella County and are available to students in those communities. There is a special section of our website dedicated to scholarships available to students attending high schools outside of Isabella County.

HOW MUCH COMPETITION IS THERE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED THROUGH THE MT. PLEASANT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Generally, one out of every three individuals who submits an application receives a scholarship. Regardless of grade point average, career field or financial situation, there is likely a scholarship for which any graduating senior of an Isabella County high school could submit a competitive application. Please take the time to review the criteria related to each scholarship to determine the ones for which you are a qualified candidate. The criteria of these scholarships may be very specific and limit the number of potential applicants to a few individuals, or the criteria may be very broad and allow any graduating senior from an Isabella County high school to apply.