

MAEO Student Scholarship Application

MAEO will award 5 scholarships in the spring of 2020 to students who will graduate from their alternative school programs in the 2019/2020 school year. Each scholarship is worth \$1000 toward costs of education in a post-high school educational program. The type of program students can attend is reasonably broad, and includes college, junior college, and vocational education programs. The award will be sent directly to the school, and must be applied to tuition or fees at the institution during the 2019/2020 school year.

The scholarships will be awarded at the MAEO STARS STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE in May, 2020. Winners are strongly encouraged to attend.

Eligibility

1. Students who are currently enrolled in an alternative education program in Michigan who expect to graduate before September of 2020.
2. Students who graduated from an alternative program in Michigan in 2019 and who are attending or are planning to attend a post-high school educational program.
3. **Students who have an advocate that is a current MAEO member** at that student's school and is willing to sponsor the student and shepherd the student through the scholarship process.
4. **A current MAEO member may nominate up to two students per year.**

Procedure

1. **Complete the following information. Applications with complete information are considered first.**

Student's Name: _____

Student's Age: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Advocate's Name: _____

Advocate's Phone Number: _____

Advocate's E-mail: _____

School Name: _____

School Street Address: _____

School City/Zip: _____

School Fax: _____

2. The Advocate Letter

The advocate letter is a one or two page letter written by the student's sponsor intended to convince the scholarship committee that the student should receive a scholarship. The letter should point out exceptional qualifications, extenuating circumstances, and financial need. The advocate should indicate why he/she is nominating this student. The letter should also point the scholarship committee to other parts of the application that should not be overlooked.

The scholarship committee examines each application for three qualities: **evidence of a good, solid senior year**, **evidence of leadership abilities in and out of school** (jobs, honors, positions held), and **evidence of financial need**. *The advocate's job is to make sure those items are included in the application and to let the scholarship committee know where to find those items.*

3. Academic Records

Please include a high school transcript along with results from any relevant standardized tests. Passing the SAT/MEAP is not required to receive a scholarship, but it doesn't hurt. A good, solid senior year is the most important academic achievement.

4. Financial Records

Applications must include information regarding the student's financial situation. A formal financial statement is preferred such as a parent's most recent tax form (just the main form, no schedule C's or other extra forms). A prepared financial statement is equally valid. If a student is not living at home then a student 1040 will work.

Financial need is one of the criteria we use. Having a decent family income does not exempt a student.

5. Student Letter

The student letter is a one-page letter written by the student to the scholarship committee outlining the student's accomplishments up to now and the student's hopes and plans for the future.

Complete applications will be considered first with cover page included.

Address any and all questions to Denise Cadwell. *All applications must be postmarked by February 3, 2020* and should be sent to:

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