



MID-EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM PERSONNEL

Delaware / District of Columbia / Maryland / Pennsylvania / Virginia / West Virginia

Date: January 25, 2017

To: MEAEOPP Membership

From: Michele M. Lagnese, MEAEOPP Scholarship Committee Chair

Re: 2017 Scholarship Competition

The **Mid-Eastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel** announces its 2017 scholarship competition. In order to help defray the college expenses of some of our outstanding TRIO students for the 2017-2018 school year, we plan to award scholarships in each TRIO program area. If funds allow, MEAEOPP may award additional smaller scholarships.

General Information:

- Every type of TRIO program is able to compete.
- High school-aged nominees enrolled in EOC, TS, UB, or UBMS programs will compete for pre-college scholarships.
- Other nominees enrolled in EOC, McNair, SSS, TS, or VUB will compete for college-level scholarships.
- Nominations are limited to one per TRIO program.
- Only applicants whose sponsoring TRIO program has at least one current MEAEOPP member will be considered.
- **Typed applications are strongly recommended.**

What to Submit: (Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.)

- Scholarship application form accompanying this memorandum. Resumes will not be accepted.
- 350 maximum word essay as explained in the Application Form.
- High school/college transcript(s) or GED verification (unofficial/copies will be accepted).
- Letters of recommendation as indicated in the accompanying general and specific program qualifications.

Nominations must be sent by email or fax to Michele M. Lagnese by March 1, 2017 at mml52@pitt.edu or fax 412-624-5907. When faxing, please note Attn: Michele Lagnese on your cover sheet.

Evaluative Criteria:

| <u>Criteria:</u> | <u>Scoring Value:</u> |
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| Academic Performance as evidenced through transcripts | Up to 30 points |
| Academic Growth as evidenced through recommendation letters | Up to 10 points |
| Applicant's Essay (scored within maximum 350 words): | |
| • Content (how well the essay topics are addressed) | Up to 20 points |
| • Creativity in writing | Up to 5 points |
| • Use of proper grammar | Up to 5 points |
| Honors and Awards | Up to 10 points |
| Community Involvements | Up to 10 points |
| ★ Co-Curricular Activities | Up to 10 points |
| ★ If the applicant does not have co-curricular activities due to extensive non-academic responsibilities, they may choose to submit an additional short essay, 250 words or less, to explain their circumstances. The essay will be scored up to 10 points in place of extra-curricular activities. | |
| Total points | Up to 100 points |
| Recommendation Letter from TRIO Program | Submitted: YES/NO |
| Recommendation from Academic Instructor, Community Leader OR Professional Affiliate (depending on program) | Submitted: YES/NO |
| All required documents MUST accompany application for the application to be considered "complete." <u>Only complete applications will be reviewed and scored for consideration.</u> | |

Applications will be evaluated according to the criteria outlined above. The official announcement of the award recipients and dollar amounts will be made at the **MEAEOPP conference to be held on April 9-12, 2017 at the Charleston Marriott Town Center in Charleston, West Virginia.** Award recipients will also be notified by mail.

This packet also contains the Scholarship Application Form and a document explaining the scholarship qualifications. The scholarship qualifications contain two important sections. **First are the general qualifications which apply to all applicants. Second are the specific qualifications based on the age of the applicant. Please be sure to pay special attention to both.**

Should you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Michele M. Lagnese (412) 624-5874 or email at: mml52@pitt.edu.



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Scholarship Qualifications

General Qualifications

All Scholarship Applicants Must:

1. Be currently enrolled in an Educational Opportunity Center, Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement, Student Support Services, Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math Science, or Veterans Upward Bound Program.
2. Have applied, been accepted for enrollment, or are continuing enrollment in a postsecondary institution for the 2017-18 academic year.
3. Submit high school/college transcript(s) or GED verification (unofficial/copies will be accepted).
4. Submit a typed personal essay, no more than 350 words, as outlined in the Scholarship Application.
5. Submit a letter of recommendation from the sponsoring TRIO program which **highlights academic growth and potential**, personal qualities, and overall accomplishments.

Specific Qualifications – High School

Educational Opportunity Centers, Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math Science

In addition to the General Qualifications, applicants in this age group must:

1. Submit a letter of recommendation from one high school academic instructor.
2. Be a project participant for at least one year upon completion of current project year.
3. By the end of the current academic year they must have completed at least:
 - 3 academic math credits (Algebra I, II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, etc.)
 - 4 English credits
 - 2 academic science credits (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, etc...).
4. Have a minimum grade point average of a “C” or 2.0 in academic courses (math, science, English, foreign language, history, etc.) as of the second marking period of their senior year.

Specific Qualifications – College

- ☞ Qualifications for this category are differentiated by specific program type. Please find your particular program’s qualifications below.**
- ☞ All applicants must adhere to both the General Qualifications and the Specific Qualifications for their program.**

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement

In addition to the General Qualifications, applicants in this program must:

1. Submit a letter of recommendation from one college professor.
2. Be a project participant for at least two semesters/three quarters upon completion of the current semester/quarter.
3. Have successfully completed a minimum of twelve credit hours while enrolled in the project.
4. In addition to current college transcripts, submit transcripts from previously attended institutions.

Student Support Services

In addition to the General Qualifications, applicants in this program must:

1. Submit a letter of recommendation from one academic instructor.
2. Be a project participant for at least two semesters/three quarters upon completion of the current semester/quarter.
3. Have successfully completed a minimum of twelve credit hours while enrolled in the project.
4. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0. In addition to current college transcripts, submit transcripts from previously attended institutions.

Educational Opportunity Centers, Talent Search, Veterans Upward Bound

In addition to the General Qualifications, applicants must:

1. Submit a letter of recommendation from a community or professional affiliate (employer, clergy, social worker, etc.)
2. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 if enrolled in a postsecondary institution.
3. In addition to current college transcripts (if applicable), submit transcripts from previously attended institutions.



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MEAEOPP Scholarship Application Form

Deadline is March 1, 2017

Please attach all supporting documents:

- Scholarship Application Form (Resumes will not be accepted.)
- Applicant Essay (maximum 350 words)
- High school/college transcript(s) or GED verification
- Letters of recommendation as indicated in the general and specific program qualifications

RECOMMENDING PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Program Name (e.g. West Virginia University SSS; Anne Arundel Community College ETS)

Name of TRIO Staff Making Recommendation Title (e.g. Director, Counselor, etc.)

E-mail Address Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Street Address City State Zip

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)

Permanent Street Address City State Zip

E-mail Address Cell/Permanent Home Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Local/Campus Street Address

City State Zip Cell/Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Current High School/Postsecondary Instit. Cum GPA Projected Grad Date (mm/yy)

Postsecondary Institution where you will be enrolled Fall 2017 Expected Field of Study

APPLICANT ACTIVITIES:

Please attach additional sheets of paper if more space is required. Resumes may not be submitted in lieu of this document. Resumes will not be scored.

Work Experience:

Employer Name

Dates Employed

Duties

***Co-Curricular Activities (Include Dates):**

★ If applicant lacks co-curricular activities due to extensive non-academic responsibilities, please explain in 250 words or less.

Community Involvement (Include Dates):

Honors and Awards Received:



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MEAEOPP Scholarship Application Essay

APPLICATION ESSAY PROMPT:

On a separate sheet of paper, please type a **(maximum) 350-word essay** addressing the following topic: **“How TRIO Programs Have Helped Me to Achieve My Goals and Why I Should Be Selected as a MEAEOPP Scholarship Recipient.”**

Applicant Signature* _____ **Date** _____

*I understand that my application essay may be used in future TRIO-related activities.

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