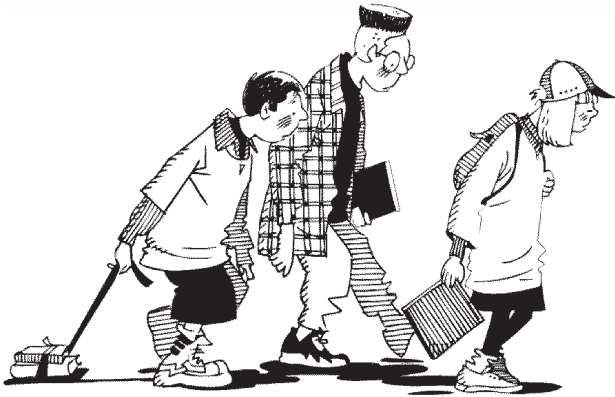


Midwest Distributors Association SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

Extended Deadline – August 3, 2007



Applicants will be judged in six areas:

- Academic Standing/
School Status
- Work Experience/
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- Community Involvement/
Hobbies/Interests
- Future Goals/Motivation/
Fit into Industry
- Financial Need
- Recommendations

Applications for MwDA's Scholarship program are NOW DUE in the MwDA office by **August 3, 2007.**

\$1,000 scholarships for post-secondary education available to MwDA member's employees and their employees' family members. Available to all distributor, manufacturer and manufacturer rep members.

Supervisors, pass this valuable employee benefit along to your employees!

For more information visit **www.MwDA.net** and click the tab for *MwDA News* for program details and a downloadable application. Or call the MwDA office at (312) 464-0090.

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Midwest Distributors Association Scholarship Award Program

In tandem with its mission statement to provide educational programming to the PHCP industry, the Midwest Distributors Association is pleased to provide an annual scholarship award program to promote post-secondary education among its members' employees and their families. This program provides MwDA member firms with a tangible service to their employees.

The MwDA scholarships are awarded to MwDA member firm employees or their family members who are pursuing studies on a full-time basis at the post-secondary level who will use their degree within the PHCP industry. A maximum of two scholarships at \$1,000 each will be awarded. Recipients will be notified in early September; winners will be announced at the annual Membership Meeting in October. **Applications must be postmarked by July 2, 2007.**

ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be employed by a MwDA member firm (distributor or associate member); have worked for a MwDA member firm during the year the scholarship is awarded, or be a family member of a MwDA member firm employee.
2. Owners of MwDA member firms, their children and relatives are not eligible for this scholarship program.
3. Must be pursuing or desiring to pursue studies at the post-secondary level or trade school.
4. Must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

AWARD INFORMATION

The scholarship award selection committee will be composed of an odd number of members (up to 5) and will be chaired each year by the MwDA treasurer. The scholarship awards will be issued to the winning applicant's choice of school and will be mailed directly to the institution to be credited to the student's account. The award may be used for tuition, fees and/or books. **The original application must be postmarked by July 2, 2007 in order to be eligible for a scholarship award.** Be sure to include letters of recommendation from your most recent employer and your MwDA member firm sponsor, as well as all school transcripts from the past 12 months (secondary and / or post-secondary schools) indicating your cumulative GPA.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be judged in six areas:

1. Academic Standing/School Status
2. Work Experience/Extra-Curricular Activities
3. Community Involvement/Hobbies/Interests
4. Future Goals/Motivation/Fit into Industry
5. Financial Need
6. Recommendations

Each of the above areas will be graded by each committee member with a score of 0 (low) - 5 (high) for a total maximum of 30 points by each committee member. The scores will be tallied and the scholarship awarded to the highest points. In case of a tie, the selection committee will make the final decision.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete **ALL** components of the application.
- Obtain school transcripts from the past 12 months (secondary and/or post-secondary schools). Non-certified copies will be accepted.
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from the applicant's most recent employer if applicable.
- Request a letter of recommendation from the sponsoring MwDA member company to be submitted under separate cover.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Midwest Distributors Association Scholarship Application

APPLICATION INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

I certify that I have accurately completed all the information on the following pages of this application.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

SECTION I: ACADEMIC STANDING/SCHOOL STATUS

School attended _____

Last Grade _____

Cumulative GPA _____ *Attach School transcript indicating your cumulative GPA*

SAT score if taken _____ *Attach a copy of results*

ACT score if taken _____ *Attach a copy of results*

SECTION II: WORK EXPERIENCE/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Information in this section **MUST** be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from your most recent employer. Failure to provide the letter will invalidate this section of the application. If unavailable, please explain.

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SECTION II: WORK EXPERIENCE/EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summer Work Experience or Part-Time Employment throughout the year

COMPANY	CITY/STATE	DATES	POSITION
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Average Hours Worked per week _____

Full Time Employment Throughout the year

COMPANY	CITY/STATE	DATES	POSITION
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Extra-Curricular Activities

ACTIVITY	DATE	AWARD
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ACTIVITY	DATE	AWARD
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ACTIVITY	DATE	AWARD
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SECTION III: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/HOBBIES/INTERESTS

Please list the organizations, clubs or hobbies you actively participate in, as well as any hobbies or interests.

Do you hold leadership status in any of these? If so, please list your position within the organization.

List volunteer work done in the last 12 months.

SECTION IV: FUTURE GOALS/MOTIVATION

What school will you be attending? _____

What term? _____

What date are you hoping to graduate? _____

What degree will you be pursuing? _____

How will you use this degree in your chosen career in the PHCP industry?

Why have you selected this degree and career path?

SECTION V: FINANCIAL NEED

Briefly state your financial need for this scholarship money.

What is the estimated annual cost to attend the school you have chosen? _____

Are you self-supporting? _____ No _____ Yes

If no, do you receive financial support from *(check all which apply)*

_____ Parents _____ Spouse _____ Other Scholarships _____ Other

Total amount of support received from above sources. _____

What percent of your school expenses do you plan to bear? _____

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SECTION VI: SCHOLARSHIP SPONSOR INFORMATION

A letter of recommendation from the MwDA sponsoring company on company letterhead must be sent confidentially in a separate envelope directly to the MwDA offices from the sponsoring company. The letter should be written by an employee of the company who knows the applicant and can best articulate the individual's qualities. The letter cannot be written by a parent or relative.

MwDA MEMBER SPONORING COMPANY

ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP

PHONE

CONTACT NAME / TITLE

Please complete if applicant has been or is currently employed by the firm listed above.

APPLICANT'S JOB TITLE

DATES OF EMPLOYMENT

If applicant is not employed by the firm listed above, but is a relative of an employee, please provide the appropriate information.

NAME OF EMPLOYEE

APPLICANT'S RELATIONSHIP TO MwDA FIRM

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR

DATE

Please send application, transcript, test results, and letter of recommendation from most recent employer to:

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Did you remember to:

- Complete all components of the application?
- Obtain school transcript(s)?
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