

2008-2009 Minnesota Achieve Scholarship Application

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Submit this application with your official high school transcript to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

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1. Name (Last, First, Middle)				
2. Social Security Number		3. Date of Birth (month, day, year)		4. Telephone Number (include area code)
5. Permanent Home Address			6. Student's Email Address	
7. City, State, Zip Code			8. Are you a Minnesota Resident (see instructions)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
9. Post-secondary institution(s) in Minnesota you attend or are planning to attend:			10. Have you completed a FAFSA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
11. Indicate the number of credits for which you intend to register for the term/s for which you are requesting funds:				
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Summer 2008	Fall 2008	Winter 2009	Spring 2009	Summer 2009
12. Which rigorous program of study did you complete in high school? (See instructions)				
<input type="checkbox"/> A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and passing test scores <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Coursework Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Dual Credit Program				
PROVIDE AN OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION THAT CONFIRMS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YOUR GRADUATION FROM A HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN MINNESOTA; AND • YOUR COMPLETION OF ONE OF THE REQUIRED RIGOROUS PROGRAMS OF STUDY 				
13. Did you complete and receive at least a grade of C for all the courses that comprise the rigorous program of study checked in box 12? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			14. Did you graduate from a Minnesota high school? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If NO, be sure to submit a complete official transcript AFTER graduation from a Minnesota high school	
15. What is your high school graduation date? (month, day, year) _____/_____/_____			16. In the previous calendar year was your <u>family</u> adjusted gross income less than \$75,000? (See instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
STUDENT CERTIFICATION: Please check the box next to each statement indicating that you understand the statement:				
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand and accept the obligation to provide a written report to the Office of Higher Education of any changes in information provided on this application. <input type="checkbox"/> I give permission to my college, my high school and the Office of Higher Education to verify the information provided on this application with other offices administering financial aid programs. <input type="checkbox"/> I give permission to my college to release information regarding my college application, enrollment and grade performance to the Office of Higher Education for use in awarding the scholarship and for use in evaluation reports for the program. <input type="checkbox"/> I give permission to my college and the Office of Higher Education to enter the information from this application onto the web-based application on my behalf. <input type="checkbox"/> I certify that the information on this application is true and correct. <input type="checkbox"/> I promise to provide additional documentation if requested. <input type="checkbox"/> I understand that this form is used to establish eligibility for the Minnesota Achieve Scholarship and that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form, I may be subject to a fine, prison sentence or both; and such action may result in the forfeiture of future awards from this program. <input type="checkbox"/> I understand that all awards are subject to the availability of funds.				
Student's Signature			Date (month, day, year)	

Submit this application along with an official high school transcript and any additional documentation to:

**Minnesota Achieve Scholarship
Minnesota Office of Higher Education
1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55108**

2008-2009 Minnesota Achieve Scholarship Application Instructions

IMPORTANT: Read instructions before completing application. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

The application must be accompanied with a complete official high school transcript and any additional documentation to confirm the applicant has graduated from a high school located in Minnesota and has completed one of the rigorous programs of study.

The Minnesota Achieve Scholarship provides financial assistance in the amount of \$1200 to eligible Minnesota high school graduates who have completed any one of four sets of rigorous programs of study while in high school or in a home-school setting. The student must have graduated from a Minnesota high school and completed, with a grade of 'C' or above, all of the required courses. The student must be a Minnesota resident as defined below, be attending an eligible Minnesota postsecondary institution and enrolled for at least 3 credits or the equivalent. The student must have a family adjusted gross income of less than \$75,000 in the last complete calendar year prior to the academic year the student is requesting funds. The award is available for four years immediately following high school graduation. Eligible students will receive the award in two equal payments. The first disbursement of \$600 in the first term and the remaining \$600 after the student has successfully completed the first term.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Question #8: To be eligible the student must meet the definition of Minnesota resident used for state financial aid programs. Answer 'yes' to the question if you meet one of the following definitions:

Minnesota resident is:

1. a student who has resided in Minnesota for purposes other than postsecondary education for at least 12 consecutive months without being enrolled at a postsecondary institution for more than five credits in any term; or
2. a dependent student whose parent or legal guardian resided in Minnesota at the time the 2008-2009 FAFSA was completed; or
3. a student who graduated from a Minnesota high school, if the student was a resident of Minnesota during the student's period of attendance at the Minnesota high school; or
4. a student who, after residing in the State of Minnesota for a minimum of one year, earned a high school equivalency certificate in Minnesota; or
5. an independent student who was granted residency as a dependent and has not since left the State of Minnesota; or
6. a student who is a member (or spouse/dependent of a member) of the armed forces of the United States stationed in Minnesota on active federal military service as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5c; or
7. a student (or spouse of) who relocated to Minnesota from an area that is declared a presidential disaster area within 12 months of the disaster declaration, if the disaster interrupted the person's postsecondary education; or
8. a student defined as a refugee under United States Code, title 8, section 1101(a)(42) who, upon arrival in the United States, moved to Minnesota and has continued to reside in Minnesota; or
9. a spouse or dependent of a veteran, as defined in section 197.447, if the veteran is a Minnesota resident.

Question #12: To be eligible the student must have completed, unless otherwise stated, with a grade 'C' or above in each course, one of the following four rigorous programs of study while in high school or in a home-school setting:

1. A set of courses similar to the State Scholars Initiative:

- Four years of English;
- Three years of math (including Algebra I and a higher level course such as Algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics);
- Three years of science (including at least two courses from biology, chemistry or physics);
- Three years of social studies; and
- One year of a foreign language.

2. Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and test scores

- This program requires a minimum of two Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses in high school and a minimum passing score on the exams for those classes. Students must score 3 or higher on AP exams and 4 or higher on IB exams.

3. Minnesota Coursework Requirements

- Four years of language arts;
- Three years of math, including one year each of geometry and two years of algebra, one of which is intermediate or advanced algebra;
- Three years of science including one year each of a biological and physical science;
- Three years of social studies; and
- Two years of a single foreign language.

4. Minnesota Dual Credit Program

- With a passing grade of "B" or better: High school students taking BOTH a math course (Algebra 2 level or higher) AND a science course (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics) under the Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program worth a total of at least 6 college credits.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

Check each box to show you have read the box then sign and date the application. Submit the application to the MN Office of Higher Education along with an official high school transcript to the address listed on the application.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

Section 7(b) of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that when any federal, state, or local government agency asks you to disclose your Social Security Account Number, you must be advised whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority the number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it. Accordingly, you are being advised that disclosure of your Social Security number is voluntary.

The Social Security number will be used to verify your identity, and as an identifier of your file in order to record necessary data accurately. As an identifier, the Social Security number is used in the Minnesota Achieve Scholarship Program for such purposes as processing the application form, program evaluation, and reporting and notification of program eligibility and award amount to your postsecondary institution.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 13.04, subd. 2 (2004), you are hereby informed that the information supplied in this application may be used as follows: (1) in the processing and verification of the data supplied to determine your eligibility for this program; (2) for compilation and analysis of summary data relative to this program; and (3) for dissemination of information to the school. You are not required to provide the information supplied in this application. However, failure to submit requested data may prevent further processing of this application. The information supplied in this application may be shared with other public and private individuals and entities in order to use the information for the purposes specified above.

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