

**Mission of Hope
Scholarship Program Criteria & Info - For Scholarship Applicants**



Who can become a Mission of Hope Scholar?

- Seniors at one of the 13 High Schools we serve
- Have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Have good character qualities and participates in school activities
- Show financial need
- Have some work experience
- Applying at a two-year, four-year or vocational/technical school

* Scholarship
is due in HCHS
guidance office by
noon on Monday
March 1, 2021

To become a Mission of Hope Scholar, you must...

- Get a copy of the application from your Guidance Counselor
- Complete the application
- Include a handwritten letter, **in black ink written on front of page only**, making a request for the Scholarship and **explaining the need for financial assistance; along with other personal information and background, work experience and future education and life goals.**
- Include two Letters of Recommendation from the Principal, Guidance Counselor and/or teacher.
- Include School Transcript and **ACT Scores**
- Return Application and other requested documents to the Guidance Counselor
- **Have Guidance Counselor mail applications to MOH postmarked no later than Friday, March 5.**
- Possibly be available for a Skype interview, dependent on Covid-19 health crisis.
- The selected MOH Scholar return the 'Contact Information' form and 'Initial Scholarship Agreement' form before their High School graduation.
- Attend **mandatory** Scholars' Dinner in July, 2021. (May be cancelled due to Covid-19 health crisis)
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How does the Scholarship work?

- \$2,500 annually pro-rated base on \$1,250 per semester* (See below about Scholars receiving TN Promise)
- Money is paid directly to the college
- Funding begins in the fall semester following high school graduation
- Scholarships are for one year. It is the desire, funds permitting, that the scholarship will be available for an additional year. If funds do permit, current Scholars must meet all qualifications in order to continue as a Mission of Hope Scholar.
- Scholars will also be paired with a Mission of Hope Mentor to help and encourage them.

All Mission of Hope Scholars must...

- Maintain a minimum of 12 Credit Hours per semester and a minimum 2.5 GPA **per semester**
- Provide Mission of Hope a transcript (an unofficial copy is fine) or screenshot of your grades immediately upon receiving them at the end of each semester. **Transcript/Screenshot must show course name, grades & credit hours and semester GPA. The next semester check will not be sent until grades are received.**
- Respond in a timely manner to any correspondence from the Mission of Hope office and/or their Mentor

You will be ineligible for a Scholarship if you fail to maintain any of the above requirements.

*If the selected Tennessee Scholar is attending a 2-yr community college and receives the Tennessee Promise Scholarship as well, the student will receive a portion (\$750 per semester) from the MOH to cover books and fees (costs not covered by Tennessee Promise). As you are aware, the full value of our Scholarship is \$2,500/year. Therefore, the balance of the remaining Scholarship (\$500 per semester), will be banked by the MOH in that student's name, to be used towards pursuing a 4-yr degree should the student decide to continue their education beyond the 2-yr community college. (Please note: this money will only be banked for up to 3 years post High School graduation. At that time, if the student has chosen to not continue on with a 4-yr college/university, that money will roll back into the MOH Scholarship Fund to support other students in the future.)

2021 MISSION OF HOPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Due by noon on Monday March 1, 2021 in HCHS
Application Deadline: ~~(Must be postmarked by Friday, March 5)~~
(Applications will only be accepted through your school's Guidance Counselor) *guidance office*

PLEASE NOTE: In order for your application to be reviewed, **ALL blanks MUST be completed (in black ink)** or a note explaining why they are not completed must be included.

Also, all supporting documents must be sent in with the application.

Incomplete Applications will not be considered.

All applicants are required to include two letters of recommendation, a handwritten letter by the student, school transcript and ACT scores to this application.

PLEASE PRINT

Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number _____ Weighted GPA _____ Unweighted GPA _____

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Personal E-Mail Address _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____

List Elementary Schools Attended _____

List High Schools Attended _____

List names and number of dual credit classes taken and/or are taking

Father's Name _____ Father's Employer _____

Mother's Name _____ Mother's Employer _____

(If mother or father's employer is listed as Board of Education, please list specific job with BOE)

Family's Total Yearly Income \$ _____ Family Phone () _____
(MUST INCLUDE)

Applicant's Work Experience _____

Applicant's School Activities _____

Applicant's Community Activities _____

Career/Education Goals _____

Education Institutions where you have applied or intend to apply _____

Education Institutions where you have been accepted _____

Education Institute you plan to attend _____

Have you completed the FAFSA? What amount will you receive? _____

List other scholarships, grants or other financial assistance applied for and **their amounts**

List other scholarships received and **their amounts**

Before you submit your application, make sure you have:

- met specific criteria for the scholarship
- completed this application form (**In its entirety**)
- included your personal letter,
handwritten in **black ink on front of page only**
- enclose two Letters of Recommendation
- enclosed your most current high school transcript **including ACT Scores**

I hereby certify that all of the information in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that all the information in this application will be treated confidentially and will be used by the Mission of Hope Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____