

SOUTHWEST

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Alumni Heritage Scholarship APPLICATION

Through its scholarship program, the Southwest Minnesota State University Alumni Association recognizes high school seniors and transfer students for their academic and leadership achievements. The evaluation criterion focuses on well-roundedness. The evaluation committee holds all of the following elements in equal value: GPA, ACT or SAT scores, extra curricular activities, community and volunteer activities, honors and achievements, and letter of recommendation. You will also be scored on your response to the essay question.

The SMSU Alumni Association will award four scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year. This year we will be awarding two Alumni Heritage Housing Awards of \$1,000 awarded for two years and two Alumni Heritage Scholarships of \$500 awarded for one year.

PURPOSE:

To recruit children and grandchildren of graduates of Southwest Minnesota State University. To send a clear signal to SMSU graduates that we appreciate them and hope the Southwest Experience can be shared with their family. To provide a tangible Alumni Association membership benefit for SMSU graduates. To offer incentive to children and grandchildren of SMSU alumni to attend SMSU.

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS:

- Scholarships are available for entering freshmen and transfer students for 2012 fall semester who are children, grandchildren or legal wards of a Southwest Minnesota State University graduate.
- The applicant's parent or grandparent or legal guardian must hold a degree (associate, undergraduate, graduate) from Southwest Minnesota State University.
- For academic year 2012-2013, students must submit an SMSU Alumni Heritage Scholarship Application by the March 1, 2012 due date.
- The student must be enrolled "full-time" in on-campus courses for the 2012 fall semester; currently a minimum of 12 hours is considered full-time.
- To be a recipient of the room and board scholarship, the student must live on campus for two years.

COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

The Application consists of:

- SMSU Alumni Heritage Scholarship application
- One (1) letter of recommendation
- One (1) personal essay

SMSU ALUMNI HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out attached Alumni Heritage Scholarship Application

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

One (1) signed letter of recommendation is required. Your recommendation letter should be written by a teacher, counselor, job supervisor or community leader. Include the letter with your application materials.

ONE PERSONAL ESSAY

Please answer the following question [maximum 400 words].

Name and describe one quality you will bring to SMSU and what quality you hope SMSU will develop in you?

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Submit the following application materials in ONE ENVELOPE:

- Alumni Heritage Scholarship Application
- Personal, academic and extra-curricular information
- One (1) letter of recommendation
- One (1) personal essay

Applications missing any element listed above are considered incomplete and will not be forwarded to the scholarship screening committee. Completed applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2012. Late applications will not be forwarded to the scholarship screening committee.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

SMSU Alumni Association
Founders Hall
Attn: Tyler Bowen
Alumni Heritage Scholarship
1501 State Street
Marshall, MN 56258

Applicants can expect a response from the Alumni Office by March 1, 2012.
For more information call: (507) 537-6257