

2010-2011 Minnesota Achieve Scholarship Application

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Submit this application along with a complete official high school transcript

Revised: January 22, 2010

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. What high school in Minnesota did you or will you graduate from?		10. What is your actual or expected high school graduation date? (month, day, year) _____/_____/_____
11. Which college or university in Minnesota do you attend or plan to attend?		12. Have you completed a FAFSA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
13. Which rigorous program of study did you complete in high school? (See instructions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 <p>PROVIDE AN OFFICIAL COPY OF YOUR COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND ANY ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION THAT CONFIRMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YOUR GRADUATION FROM A HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN MINNESOTA AFTER 1/1/2008; AND • YOUR COMPLETION OF ONE OF THE REQUIRED RIGOROUS PROGRAMS OF STUDY 		
14. Is English your native language? (See instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		15. Did you complete an online course while in high school? (See instructions for info on a possible bonus award) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>NOTICE FOR 2010 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES</p> <p>Based on the expected appropriation, funds available for the 2010-11 academic year may be limited and awards for eligible students may be reduced. Submit your <u>complete official</u> high school transcript and any other documentation as soon as possible as any delay may result in a lack of funding.</p>		
<p>STUDENT CERTIFICATION: Please check the box next to each statement indicating that you understand the statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 application along with a complete 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

2009-2010 Minnesota Achieve Scholarship Application Instructions

IMPORTANT: Read ALL instructions before completing application as 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 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.

Eligible students who graduated from a Minnesota high school between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008 can receive a one-time scholarship of \$1,200 available for use at an eligible college or university in Minnesota within the four years immediately following their high school graduation. They must be enrolled for at least 3 credits or the equivalent and have a family adjusted gross income of less than \$75,000. Eligible students will receive the award in two equal payments however must successfully complete the first term to receive the second half of the scholarship.

Eligible students who graduate after January 1, 2009 and enroll full time (**15 credits**) in an eligible college or university in Minnesota during the academic year **immediately** following their high school graduation can receive a one-time scholarship for use in their first academic year up to approximately \$4,000 depending on **financial need** and **funds availability**.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Question #8: To be eligible the student must meet the definition of Minnesota resident used for state financial aid programs.

The definition of a Minnesota resident includes a:

- 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
- dependent student whose parent or legal guardian resided in Minnesota at the time the 2009-2010 FAFSA was completed;

For a complete list of Minnesota resident definitions please visit www.getreadyforcollege.org/mnresident

Question #13-14: To be eligible the student must have completed one of the following four rigorous programs of study while in high school or in a home-school setting and must meet the additional academic requirements based on their graduation date:

Students who graduated between **January 1, 2008** and **December 31, 2008** must have completed, unless otherwise stated, each of the required courses with a grade of 'C' or above.

Students who graduated after **January 1, 2009** must have completed all of the required courses and graduated with an unweighted grade point average of 2.5 or higher. In addition, students who graduated after January 1, 2009 can request a foreign language requirement waiver by indicating their first language is not English on Question #14. Please contact the Office of Higher Education with questions regarding the waiver.

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 one year each of at least two of the following courses: biology, chemistry or physics);
- Three years of social studies; and
- One year of a language other than English.

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 or the Concurrent Enrollment Program, worth a total of at least 6 college credits shall meet the rigorous course of study requirement for the Academic Competitiveness Grant.

Question #15: Additional Award for Online Course Completion in High School

Eligible students who graduated after **January 1, 2009** and who have completed at least one online course while in high school may receive an additional award of \$150 to be used in conjunction with the Achieve Scholarship award. If the online course is not clearly identified on the official high school transcript, student may be requested to provide additional documentation.

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 a complete 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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