



The Steve Metheny Scholarship Foundation

Application *(Revised 2017)*

The Steve Metheny Scholarship Foundation is meant provide financial awards to the Mid South Sign Association members' employees and/or their dependent children who are pursuing higher education. It is the desire of MSSA to promote excellence in our industry by encouraging the young, bright, and talented individuals related to MSSA to further their education.

This application must be mailed (e-mailed applications will not be accepted), including a current OFFICIAL transcript reflecting the last completed grading period and current official GPA (if not on transcript) to the MSSA office. New applicants must also submit official ACT or SAT scores if not on transcript.

Applications must be received no later than May 1st. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applicants are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, applicants must answer all questions as completely as possible. The Steve Metheny Scholarship Foundation reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and make changes at any time including termination of the program.

Scholarships will be awarded for vocational, undergraduate, and graduate study during the MSSA Summer Convention. If a recipient is unable to attend the convention, a check will be forwarded to the address listed on the application. The number of awards and amount granted each year may vary depending upon the number of qualified applications received.

Member Eligibility Requirements:

1. Any company that is an active, participating member, in good standing of the Mid South Sign Association as described below:
 - a. A member company must have been a member of MSSA during the calendar year prior to scholarship application submission and membership dues must be current.
 - b. A representative of the MSSA member company must earn a minimum of 2 attendance credits during the calendar year prior to making a scholarship application. Attendance beyond 2 credits in no way influences the decision as to whether a scholarship is granted.
 - i. Scoring of the attendance:
 - a. 1 credit - Fall Meeting Attendance
 - b. 1 credit - Winter Meeting Attendance
 - c. 2 credits – Summer Convention Attendance
 - c. Manufacturer Representative's attendance will qualify for the MSSA member company he or she represents.
 - d. Additional branches or company locations are considered separate companies that require separate MSSA membership and must meet participation requirements as described above in parts A and B.
2. Scholarship recipients must meet one of the following employment criteria:
 - a. Must be employed by an MSSA member, in good standing as described above in Section 1.
 - b. Must be the dependent children of an employee of a MSSA member, in good standing as described above in Section 1.

Applicants for renewal of The Steve Metheny Scholarship must:

- Be a current employee or dependent child of a current employee of a MSSA member firm, in good standing, during the year of the scholarship application submission. Employees must still be employed through July 1st of the year.
- Be a student who is already enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate full-time (12 credit hours per semester or more, or 8 hours per quarter if school is on the quarter system) course of study at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school.
- Have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of applying and completed either the SAT or ACT examination.

The Scholarship Award is renewable annually for up to three additional years. An application for renewal must be accompanied by a cover letter requesting the renewal. Verification of current enrollment and GPA from last completed grading period must be included with official transcript.

Scholarship finalists are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership, and participation in school and community activities, work experience, industry potential, goals and aspirations and MSSA member participation. Selection will be made by the MSSA Scholarship Award Committee, who in conjunction with the MSSA Board of Directors, shall have the right to interpret, modify, or discontinue this Scholarship Award Program. All applicants agree to accept decisions made by the committee and Board of Directors as final. Applicants will be notified by mid-June. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Applicants may re-apply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

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Deadline: May 1st, APPLICATIONS **MUST** BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1ST.

Notification of award acceptance / non-acceptance will be given by an e-mail message.

Please write legibly!

Please check one of the following:

New applicant _____ Renewal _____

I. Personal Data

Name		Date	
Permanent Address		Home Phone	
City	State	Zip	
E-Mail address		Cell Phone	
Social Security Number		Date of Birth	
MSSA Member Firm			
Name of parent or guardian employed by this firm			
College / University / Voc.Tech. School where you plan to attend:			
Desired Career		Expected Major	
Number of times you have received this scholarship #			

II. Educational Record

Name of College currently attending	
City & State	
Graduation Expected Date	College GPA <u>on 4.0 scale</u>

III. Financial Aid

List all forms of financial aid you will receive, including existing scholarships that will carry over from the previous year. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Financial Statement

Estimated expenses for year for which you are applying:

Tuition \$	Books \$	Fees \$
Room \$	Board \$	Transportation \$

IV. Leadership Capabilities

List clubs and community organizations in which you have been a member or an office. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Club/Organization	Years of Membership	Office (s) Held

V. Employment Information:

Starting with your freshman year of **high school** list all summer, part time and /or full time jobs. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Employer	Starting/Ending	Type of Work

VI. Activities and Special Recognition – Community

List chronologically, beginning with your freshman year, activities **outside of school** in which you were involved; such as clubs (4H, scouts church, etc.), volunteer work (camp counselor, etc.), special interest groups (model railroad club, art association, etc.). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Academic Year	Activity	Number of hours/year

VIII. Essay

Your ability to express yourself well is an important part of the evaluation process. The scholarship essay provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate your ability to think analytically and creatively.

Use separate sheets and attach to application. Answer the following question in 250 words or less.

New Applicants

“What and why is your chosen career path and why is college/vocation education needed for your chosen career?”

Renewal Applicants

“Explain the importance of (your major) in today’s society.”

Certification and Disclaimer

I (we) indemnify the Mid South Sign Association and hold it harmless from any loss, damage, claim of damage, or liability of expense arising out of, or resulting from, any aspect of this application or this Scholarship Award Program. I (we) agree that I (we) am/are aware of and understand all rules, conditions, instructions, and provisions regarding all aspects of this Scholarship Award Program. Furthermore, I (we) agree to accept the decision of the MSSA without debate.

I (we) agree that, in accepting this scholarship, I will attend an accredited college, university or institute and will maintain a full-time status for the academic year for which the award was given. **I (we) also agree that, if I withdraw or fail to meet attendance requirements for that academic year, I (we) will reimburse the Mid South Sign Association for the total scholarship amount and will deem the recipient ineligible the following academic year.**

I (we) certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and the application was completed by the applicant.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____ (Parent/Guardian's Signature is only required for applicants under the age of 18).

All submitted forms, transcripts, essays, and information become the property of the Mid-South Sign Association and will not be returned to the applicant. Intentionally falsifying information will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any award.

FOR NEW APPLICANTS, the following forms **must** be included with this application:

1. Completed Application filled out by applicant
2. **OFFICIAL** High School and/or college transcript reflecting the most current completed grading period
3. Copy of SAT or ACT scores (if not on transcript)
4. Official GPA (if not on transcript)
5. Essay by applicant
6. Member company verification

FOR RENEWAL APPLICANTS, the following forms **must** be included with this application:

1. Completed Application filled out by applicant.
2. **OFFICIAL** College transcript reflecting last completed grading period.
3. **OFFICIAL** College GPA reflecting last completed grading period.
4. Essay by applicant
5. Member company verification
6. Verification of current enrollment (if not on transcript)

MSSA is not responsible for late or incomplete applications. All submitted items and forms **must be received no later than May 1st** of application year. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Send completed application and all required materials to:

Mid South Sign Association
720 Wildwood Trace
Winchester, TN 37398

(901) 452-6444 or Karen@midsouthsign.org (for questions only)

Originals are needed, no scanned, emailed nor faxed document will be accepted.

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY REPRESENTATIVE
OF MSSA MEMBER COMPANY**
(Member company verification)

"I, _____, (a representative of member company)
_____ (title) acknowledge that
_____ (applicant or parent) is an employee of
_____ (member MSSA company) and that
_____ (applicant) is eligible as a recipient for this scholarship to the
best of my knowledge as set forth in this application".

Signature

Date

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

I _____ (name of authorized school personnel)
certify that _____ (student name) is currently enrolled at
_____ (name of college / university)
at _____ (location).

The above-named student is enrolled for _____ hours.

The above-named student's current GPA is _____.

_____ Official Transcript is enclosed

_____ Official Transcript will be sent directly to MSSA from the school

Mail Transcript to:

Mid South Sign Association
720 Wildwood Trace
Winchester, TN 37398