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To: **Whom It May Concern**

Date: **March 2021**

Subject: **Meridian Police Employee Association (MPEA) Scholarship Program**

The MPEA scholarship program provides individual scholarships for applicants who reside, work, volunteer, or attend school in the City of Meridian. Up to two of these scholarships will be awarded to current MPEA members or an MPEA member's immediate family member for $750. An additional three scholarships will be awarded to members of the Meridian community for $500.

The applicant must plan to attend an accredited college or vocational education program in the fall of 2021. The scholarship is conditional upon the recipient's enrollment at an accredited college or vocational education program and is a non-renewable grant. Any student wishing to apply for a scholarship must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA including one complete term (semester or trimester) of their last academic year.

Attached is the application form for MPEA academic scholarship program. The application form is available at your High School Counselor's office. The application form will need to be printed, completed, and mailed to ATTN: MPEA Scholarship, 1401 E. Watertower St., Meridian, ID 83642 or emailed to MPEAScholarship@gmail.com.

The scholarship application form is **due** on **May 1, 2021**. Recipients will be selected by the MPEA Scholarship Committee. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision by mid-May.

The following are important points for all students interested in applying for a scholarship with MPEA:

- The completed application form must be postmarked by **May 1, 2021.**
- All required information must be included with the application form at the time it is submitted (This includes any transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc).
- The applicant must have a minimum 2.50 un-weighted GPA.

Any questions about the scholarship or application process contact Beth Erickson with Meridian Police Department at 208-846-7378.

Sincerely,

MPEA Scholarship Committee Members

~Beth Erickson, Stacey Pechin, Stephany Galbreaith, Wendy Murray, Ashley Horvath, & John Gonzales

Attachment: MPEA Scholarship Application

Scholarship Application

Application Deadline May 1, 2021

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION BY: MAY 1, 2021

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

MPEA Member Name: _____ Relationship: _____
(If applicable)

Have you been a previous recipient of a MPEA Scholarship? Yes / No

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

Identify area of study desired: _____

Have you finalized your decision regarding which school to attend? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please provide the following information:

College/University Name: _____

The scholarship check will be mailed directly to the school's Financial Aid or Scholarship Office.

If no, please identify the Colleges/Universities you'd like to attend:

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

DECLARATORY STATEMENT:

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this statement is correct and complete. I reside, work, volunteer, or attend school in the city of Meridian or am a member of the MPEA or an immediate family member of an MPEA member, and will be enrolled in an accredited college or vocational program in the fall of 2019. I understand that I will be disqualified from consideration for the Meridian Police Employee Association scholarship if I do not meet these criteria and/or I fail to include all required documents.

_____ _____

(Signature) (Date)

AWARD TYPE:

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Applicants must reside, work, volunteer, or attend school in the City of Meridian -OR- be or have an immediate family member who is a current member of the Meridian Police Employee Association (please make sure to note such on Page one of application).
- Applicants must plan on attending an accredited college or vocational education program in the Fall of 2020.
- Applicants must demonstrate evidence of leadership potential through community involvement, volunteerism, school activities, and/or work experience.

EVIDENCE OF LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL:

Note to Student: When completing the following sections, please list all of your extra-curricular activities. It is important that you cite all community activities, special courses or classes (both in and outside of school), special projects, work experience, and other involvements/memberships which would aid the committee in determining leadership qualities. Please complete the following three sections on another sheet of paper or attached document. Additionally, please do not make reference to the school you attend or other information that might make you easily identifiable.

YOUR APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE WITHOUT THESE ATTACHMENTS:

☐ *ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL/COMMUNITY SERVICE*

Give a brief description of all activities outside of school in which you were involved related to community service or work (i.e. social clubs, religious activities, hobbies, scouts, etc).

☐ *HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES*

Provide a list and a brief description of all activities in which you participated during high school/college (i.e. sports, student government, publications, committees, special projects, community education programs like Alive at 25, etc).

☐ *PERSONAL GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP AS A RESULT OF SERVICE*

List and describe any volunteer work you have performed which is not associated with your involvement with an organized group mentioned in the previous questions (i.e. foodbank, hospital/police/childcare volunteer, United Way, etc.).

☐ ESSAY SUBMISSION:

Write an original essay (500 words maximum) that describes how your community service or work experience has shaped your goals and vision for college, your career, and your future.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:

☐ *LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION*

Provide two letters of recommendation written and dated within the last 12 months. One letter must be from a community or business leader (NOT a school administrator, teacher or staff) and one letter must be from a school administrator, teacher or staff. Neither person can be related to the applicant.

☐ PREVIOUS MPEA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

You may reapply but must submit new application content.

☐ *TRANSCRIPT*

Provide a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript.