



## **GUIDELINES FOR MPE 2019 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Mississippi Professional Educators will award up to twenty scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to MPE members who wish to pursue graduate level studies at a college or university in the state of Mississippi.

### **The Scholarship is available to any educator who:**

- Is a member of MPE for a minimum of one year immediately prior to the application deadline
- Will be under contract as a full-time educator in Mississippi during the 2019-2020 school year
- Is accepted and enrolled in graduate course work at a Mississippi college or university OR who intends to enroll in such coursework if awarded a scholarship

### **Procedures for submission:**

- Application packets must be in the MPE office in Jackson, MS by 4:30 pm on Friday, February 22, 2019, to be eligible for review
- All materials including the completed application and all items from the checklist must be submitted and all materials must be accurate and completely filled out including:
  - **An official transcript(s) of all undergraduate course work**
  - **An official transcript(s) of all graduate course work, if applicable**
  - **Resume' of professional experience, education, awards and service**
  - **Documentation (a letter from the principal OR a letter from the central office) that the applicant is an employee in good standing and eligible for employment during the 2019-2020 school year**
  - **Essay (500 to 600 words discussing how furthering your education will impact your effectiveness as an educator)**
  - **Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal***

**Scoring and Ranking of the Award winners:** The applications will be ranked in four areas and a total of 20 points are available:

- 5 points for GPA Undergraduate Coursework
- 5 points for Resume'
- 5 points for Years of Certified/Licensed Professional Educational Experience
- 5 points for Essay on Assigned Topic

MPE will award two scholarships to the highest ranked applicants from each of Mississippi's four congressional districts and will award twelve scholarships to the highest ranked applicants in the remaining pool of applications (the state at large). If MPE does not have any applicants from a congressional district *or applications that meet minimal point requirements*, MPE will award that scholarship to the next highest ranked applicant from the state at large. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the most years of MPE membership will be awarded the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the Mississippi college or university at which the graduate student is enrolled or plans on attending if he/she receives the scholarship. A scholarship recipient will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent MPE Graduate Scholarship if he/she withdraws from graduate school or does not maintain at least a “C” average.

All scholarships are given at the discretion of MPE and its professional staff. All submitted applications become property of MPE and cannot be returned. All rulings are final.



**MPE 2019 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
(APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF MPE)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Mississippi Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School/District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/District Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School/District Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position/Subject(s) Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

MS License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

MPE Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate GPA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA or greater at the graduate level to be considered for the scholarship)

Graduate Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contracted Years of Certified/Licensed Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate sheet of paper, please type an essay of 500 to 600 words discussing how furthering your education will impact your effectiveness as an educator.

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I certify that I am accepted and/or enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ OR that I will enroll upon being awarded a MPE Graduate Scholarship. I understand that if I am awarded a MPE Graduate Scholarship, MPE will mail a check made payable to my university or college on my behalf. I also understand that I will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent scholarship if I withdraw from graduate school or if I do not maintain at a "C" average in my coursework.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE MPE OFFICE BY 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: (Check as each item is included)**

- An official transcript(s) of all undergraduate course work  
(Transcripts may be submitted electronically with eScrip-Safe)
- An official transcript(s) of all graduate course work, if applicable  
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- Resume' of professional experience, education, awards and service
- Documentation (a letter from the principal OR a letter from the central office) that the applicant is an employee in good standing and eligible for employment during the 2019-2020 school year
- Essay (see above)
- Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal*

**Signed and scanned applications in .pdf format are preferred and can be emailed to [Barbie@mpe.org](mailto:Barbie@mpe.org).**

**Applications can be mailed to:**

**Mississippi Professional Educators  
ATTN: Graduate Scholarship  
P.O. Box 22550  
Jackson, MS 39225-2550**