



MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS 2020-2021 NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

The scholarship is available to any educator who:

- Is a non-certified member of MPE and has been an active member of MPE a minimum of one year immediately prior to the application deadline.
- Will be employed in a non-certified position in Mississippi during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Is accepted and enrolled in undergraduate coursework at a Mississippi college or university OR who intends to enroll in such coursework.

Procedures for submission:

- Application packets must be in the MPE office by 4:30 pm on Friday, October 2, 2020, 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, 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.**
 - **An essay (500 to 600 words) discussing how this scholarship will impact your educational goals.**
 - **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 Years of Membership in MPE
- 5 points for Resume'
- 5 points for Years of Non-Certified 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 non-certified personnel 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 Non-Certified Personnel Scholarship if he/she withdraws from coursework or does not maintain at least a "C" average.

MPE will invite all scholarship recipients to be our guest at MPE's 2020 Best Practices Symposium on April 17, 2021, in Jackson. MPE will pay mileage expenses and will waive registration fees for all Non-Certified Scholarship recipients.

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 2020-2021 NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
(APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF MPE)**

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City Zip

Mississippi Congressional District _____
(1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Congressional District)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School/District Name: _____

School/District Address: _____

School/District Phone: _____

Current Non-Certified Position: _____

MPE Member ID: _____ Member Since: _____

Undergraduate GPA: _____ Email: _____

Years of Non-Certified Experience in Education: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please type an essay of 500 to 600 words discussing how this scholarship will impact your educational goals.

I certify that I am accepted and/or enrolled at _____ OR that I will enroll upon being awarded an MPE Non-Certified Personnel Scholarship. I understand that if I am awarded an MPE 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 school or if I do not maintain at a "C" average in my undergraduate coursework.

Applicant's Signature

Date

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE MPE OFFICE BY 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020, 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, if applicable
(Transcripts may be submitted electronically with eScrip-Safe)
- 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.
- Essay (see above)
- Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal*

Completed applications must be scanned in and submitted as a PDF via email to Barbie@mpe.org.

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