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Application

Access at: www.meritusfund.org



Student goes to the Meritus website

Completes application on-line:

- Personal info
- College/Major/Career info
- Extracurricular Activities
- Employment/Volunteer
- Personal Essay
- Financial info
- Provides emails for Counselor & Recommenders
- Signs app by clicking "I accept"



The online application sends email requests to:

High school counselor

Uploads

Teacher

Completes recommendation form online

Other Adult

Completes recommendation form online



Online application confirmations

- Emails student a confirmation when completed app is received by Meritus
 - Emails student & counselor when transcript is received by Meritus
- Emails student & recommenders when recommendations are received by Meritus



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ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

HOW TO APPLY

- Visit www.meritusfund.org; click **Scholars/How to Apply** to begin your scholarship application.
- Review eligibility requirements and follow the instructions provided in each section.
- You can SAVE each section of the application as you go and come back to it at another time.
- You can RETURN to a previously saved section, change any of your answers, and re-save your new answers prior to submitting your final application.
- Once you have submitted your application, **you will no longer be able to access or change it**. Please be sure that you have answered ALL the questions fully and correctly before entering your electronic “signature” and clicking “Submit” at the end.

THINGS YOU’LL NEED FOR THIS APPLICATION

You will be asked to submit information in various areas. However, some questions are specific and require preparation in advance. Spend some time answering and gathering the following:

- **Why do you want to go to college?** Compose a few sentences on why you want to go to college and what you hope to achieve. You will also be asked to write about your career interests and motivations.
- **Employment, Volunteer & Extracurricular Activities** – Make a list of these activities, with the dates you began and ended, along with brief descriptions of your responsibilities.
- **Essay** – Write an essay in which you tell us about yourself. What is important for us to know about you? Consider telling us: your personal history, your goals and dreams, how you cope with challenges, what obstacle(s) you’ve overcome, what you learned about yourself, and how that has impacted your goal to go to college. If you write this essay in advance, cut and paste it on to the application (Max 700 words)
- **Financial Information** – To get an accurate summary of your family’s financial resources, sit down with your parent(s)/guardian(s), gather any and all income-related documents, and add up the total amount earned from any sources in 2011. **You may be asked to submit copies at a later date for verification.** Indicate any income from the following sources:
 - Federal Income Taxes
 - Social Security Income
 - Disability Income
 - Veteran’s Benefits
 - TANF or AFDC
 - Child Support from another parent
 - Retirement (401k or Pension)
 - Unemployment Insurance
 - Cash, savings, checking account
 - Investment income: Include education savings accounts, 529 plans, stocks/bonds, mutual funds, CD’s, real estate other than your parents’ home, etc.
 - If your parent(s)/guardian(s) own a business, what is its current market value?
- **Recommendations** – Request recommendations from two people. Provide phone and email addresses, job titles and employer names from:
 - A TEACHER whom you’ve had for a class and can address your academic progress, strengths and weaknesses. Only ask teachers who have taught you in sophomore, junior, or senior year.
 - Another ADULT person who is NOT one of your teachers, a relative, nor a high school counselor. Choose someone from outside your school who can address your ability to achieve and overcome personal challenges.
- **Counselor Information** – Your counselor will submit your grades and transcript online, but first you must enter their **email address** and **phone number** in order to complete this part of the application.

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