

2017 Meridian Elementary School - PTO Scholarship Program

The Meridian Elementary School PTO Scholarship Program is an annual award that was established to recognize previous Meridian Elementary School students who demonstrate excellence pertaining to two of our school's core values: **Leadership and Community Service**. Two \$1,000 Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors from any of the area high schools. Applicants must have attended Meridian throughout their 5th grade school year to be eligible. Awards are merit based and will be applied directly to the selected institution for tuition purposes only.

Eligibility (*verifiable*):

- Must have previously attended Meridian Elementary School throughout their fifth grade year.
 - Must be a candidate for high school graduation in the Spring Semester of the year applying maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (*through 7th Semester*).
 - Show demonstrated positions of responsibility in leadership roles, community service, and extra-curricular activities throughout high school.
 - Must be accepted and enrolled to attend any 2 or 4 year post-secondary, accredited college, university, or trade school (*provide a copy of acceptance letter or other proof of enrollment with application*).
 - Recipients must agree to make a short speech to the students at the Meridian Elementary School Fifth Grade Continuation currently planned to take place on Wednesday, May 24, 2017.
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Deadline for complete applications with supporting documents due by 3:30 pm Friday, April 7, 2017 and submitted directly to:

Meridian Elementary School
Attn: Principal Haviland, PTO Scholarship
14256 McKay Park Circle
Broomfield, CO 80023

Applications will be reviewed anonymously by a committee composed of stakeholders of Meridian Elementary School and its PTO. Applications received after the deadline, or deemed incomplete, will not be considered. Personal interviews may be included in the final selection process. Applications must be completed legibly. The application rubric includes scoring for following instructions and completeness. Computer reproduction of the application is allowed as long it does not alter the application or exceed the following three (3) pages below. Be sure to sign application at the bottom of page 4.

All applicants will be notified regarding final outcomes in early or mid-May. Scholarship payments will be sent directly to the selected educational institutions and applied directly to the student's account, paying for tuition/fees only. The scholarship award shall be made as a \$1,000 one-time grant and is not renewable. Should the student choose to not attend or withdraw from the institution, unused funds must be returned to the Meridian ES PTO.

Adams 12 School District: Non-Discrimination Policy
(*please see link at the bottom of the Home Page of www.adams12.org*)

2017 Meridian Elementary School PTO Scholarship Application

Fill out completely and submit to Meridian Elementary School by 3:30 pm Friday, April 7, 2017.

Personal Information *(overall application completeness, neatness, and attention to detail: 5%)*

Name _____

Birth date _____ Female _____ Male _____

Street Address _____

Telephone (____) _____ Email _____

High School Name & Location _____

Counselor or Principal Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Date of graduation from high school _____

Years attended Meridian Elementary School _____

Month & Year of Meridian 5th Grade Completion _____

Scholarship & Academic Achievement *(20% - GPA, ACT or SAT scores, breadth & level of coursework)*

High School Cumulative Grade Point Average *(through 7th Semester)* _____ *(3.0 minimum)*

Attach 7th Semester HS Transcript (with school official's signature – need not be sealed)

Highest ACT or SAT composite score _____ *(attach copy of result if not on transcript – need not be official or sealed)*

Accredited 2/4 - year post-secondary college, university, or trade school you have applied to and have been accepted *(attach copy of acceptance letter or other proof of enrollment)*

Application Narrative *(10%)*

Intended field of study or major _____

Explain why you plan to choose this field of study or major? *(25 words or less)* _____

What is your best memory of Meridian? Why? *(50 words or less)* _____

As a recipient of this scholarship you will be expected to speak at Meridian's 5th Grade Continuation on May 24, 2017. What message would you share with these 5th Graders as they anticipate and prepare for Middle School and beyond? *(50 words or less)*

Required Letters of Recommendation (5%)

Attach two (2) letters of recommendation from someone, unrelated to you, who has firsthand knowledge of your background and aspirations related to your demonstrated leadership, positions of responsibility, community service, and/or employment. Recommendations should be personal and articulate narratives from teachers, principals, employers, and others who know you well and can comment on your work ethic, character, and other characteristics that distinguish you from your peers.

Required Essay (15%)

Submit a typed essay (*one page maximum, no exceptions – include your name*) discussing how you have exemplified Meridian Elementary School’s core values of Leadership and Community Service in your past. How do you intend to exemplify these values in the future?

Signature of Applicant

Date

Checklist:

- Signed Application
- Copy of High School Transcript
- Copy of ACT or SAT Score
- Copy of acceptance letter or other proof of enrollment to accredited 2/4-yr post-secondary institution or trade school
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- 1 Page Essay