

2020 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 **pre-recorded** short speech to the students at the Meridian Elementary School in Fifth Grade and **email directly to marie.mckenzie@adams12.org**. **This speech should be no longer than five minutes long.**

Deadline for complete applications with supporting documents due by 12:00 pm on **Friday, May 8 2020** and submitted directly to:

Meridian Elementary School Attn: Principal McKenzie,
marie.mckenzie@adams12.org.

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 the application at the bottom of page 4.

Applicants who have been awarded the **2020 Meridian Scholarship** 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 not to attend or withdraw from the institution, unused funds must be returned to the Meridian Elementary School PTO.

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

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*Fill out completely and submit to Meridian Elementary School by 12:00 pm on **Friday, May 8th at 12:00 pm.***

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

Name _____

Birth date _____

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 prepare a pre-recorded inspirational video for our 5th Grade continuation class that will be shared with our 5th grade students. **This message may also be posted on our PTO website and school website.** What message would you share with these 5th Graders as they anticipate and prepare for Middle School and beyond? (50 words or less)

(5%) List awards/honors/letters attained, if relevant:

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

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Checklist: ___ Signed Application

___ Copy of High School Transcript

___ Copy of ACT or SAT Score

___ Copy of acceptance letter or other proof

___ accredited 2/4-yr post-secondary institution or trade school

___ 2 Letters of Recommendation

___ 1 Page Essay