



The Meriden Foundation

The Meriden Foundation Scholarship Program

TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES

Completeness and neatness ensure your application will be reviewed properly.

Application postmark deadline March 4

FOR
SCHOLARSHIP
AMERICA
USE ONLY

I.D. #	AA	PD	RIC/CS	GPA	SATRW	SATM	ACTC	SP1	TOTAL

APPLICANT
DATA

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Permanent Home

Mailing Address _____ Apartment # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Email Address (required for notification) _____

Please indicate your status. (For statistical purposes only) Male Female

American Indian/Alaska Native

Black/African American

Multi-Racial

White

Asian

Hispanic/Latino

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

PARENT
OR
GUARDIAN
INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

Relationship to Applicant _____ Day Telephone (_____) _____

Email Address _____ Fax Number (_____) _____

HIGH
SCHOOL
DATA

School Name _____ High School Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____

City _____ State _____ Telephone (_____) _____

POST-
SECONDARY
SCHOOL
DATA

Name of postsecondary school you plan to attend. (If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.)
Use official school names. Do **not** use abbreviations.

_____ City _____ State _____

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4 yr. College or University

2 yr. Community or Junior College

Vocational-Technical School

Other, explain _____

Year in school next year: 1 Other, explain _____

Major or course of study: _____ Expected college graduation date: Month _____ Year _____

Degree sought: Bachelor Associate Certificate Other _____

Student will: live on campus live off campus commute from home

If school choice is a public institution, applicant will pay: in-state resident tuition out-of-state tuition

Sending a resumé does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. Attachments must follow the same format. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form. Your name, address and name of this scholarship program should be included on all attachments.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe your work experience during the **past four years** (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate **number of hours worked** each week.

Employer/Position	From - Mo/Yr	To - Mo/Yr	Hours per Week	Were you paid for your work?
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO

ACTIVITIES, AWARDS AND HONORS

List all school activities in which you have participated during the **past four years** (e.g., student government, music, sports, etc.). List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the **past four years** (e.g., Boy/Girl Scouts, hospital volunteer, Special Olympics). Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

Activity	No. of Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held	Activity	No. of Years Partic.	Special Awards, Honors	Offices Held

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

Make a brief statement or summary of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and long-term goals.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities.

**ESSAY
(Required)**

In your own words, describe the course of study that you have chosen. In so doing, give consideration to your prior schooling and any other experiences and/or people that have influenced you and prepared you for the course that you have chosen. Also, consider how you plan to pursue this course and how you intend to use the knowledge that you will have gained upon completion of your studies.
(Max 500 words)

APPLICANT APPRAISAL (REQUIRED)

To the Applicant: This section is required and must be completed in the format provided. If incomplete, your application will not be evaluated. The section is to be completed by a high school counselor or advisor, an instructor, or a work supervisor who knows you well.

To the Adult Appraiser: You have been asked to provide information in support of this application. Please give immediate and serious attention to the following statements. When complete, please return to applicant. If you prefer, photocopy this section and return to applicant in a sealed envelope. A letter of recommendation does not replace this section.

The applicant's choice of a postsecondary educational program is	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> very appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/> inappropriate
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	<input type="checkbox"/> extremely well	<input type="checkbox"/> very well	<input type="checkbox"/> moderately well	<input type="checkbox"/> not well
The applicant's respect for self and others is	<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> poor

Comments: _____

Appraiser's Name _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Signature _____ Organization _____ Date _____

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

A complete transcript of grades **must** be sent with this application. Grade reports are not acceptable.

All applicants **must** include a high school transcript of grades and have this section completed by the appropriate school official.

(A clear explanation of the school's grading scale must also be submitted.)

Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____	Cumulative Grade Point Average	SAT		ACT				
	Weighted: _____/4.0 scale	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing	Math	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
	Unweighted: _____/4.0 scale							

School Official's Signature _____ Date _____ Title _____ Telephone (_____) _____

School Official's Address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The student is responsible for submitting all materials to Scholarship America on time. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. This application becomes complete and valid only when all of the following materials have been received:

- Student Application with completed Essay and Applicant Appraisal
- Current Complete Transcript(s) of Grades (including grading scale)

All materials, including transcript, must be addressed to:

The Meriden Foundation Scholarship Program
 Scholarship America
 One Scholarship Way
 Saint Peter, MN 56082

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CERTIFICATION

Scholarship America and The Meriden Foundation scholarship selection committee have responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's description. This application becomes the property of Scholarship America and The Meriden Foundation. (It is recommended you keep a copy for your files.)

I consent to data collected in this application being used for the purpose of selecting scholarship recipients, communication and promotion of the program. Data will be processed in compliance with the Scholarship America Privacy Policy.

I acknowledge decisions are final. I certify I meet eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____