

MESF: Mary Ellen Strong Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Mary Ellen Strong Foundation Scholarship was established to help African American students from Milwaukee, Wisconsin obtain their Master's in Social Work degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Decisions are based on overall assessment of their entire application and (for those selected) an in person interview.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Provide evidence of success in completing academic coursework to date

Provide statement of commitment to providing mental health services to African Americans in Milwaukee's underserved areas

Must commit to pursuing MSW full-time

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

MESF awards two \$20,000 scholarships (to be awarded over two years). Students are expected to complete all MSW requirement during that two year period.

DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted from March 1, 2018 until April 1, 2018 5:00 pm CST. Those selected for an interview will be informed by April 15, 2018 and scholarship recipients will be informed no later than May 1, 2018.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Please read and complete the application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. The following documents must be submitted to complete your application:

MESF Application Form

Responses to essay questions

Most recent undergraduate transcript (unofficial transcripts accepted)

Letter of Acceptance from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Master's of Social Work Program

Three Letters of Recommendation: At least one must be from an undergraduate professors/instructor. Letters of Recommendation may be emailed directly to MESF. **If the person who is writing a letter of recommendation will be emailing then please include their name and email address in your application so we can contact them directly if we have not received their recommendation by the application deadline.**

MESF Application Form responses, Responses to essay questions and transcripts should all be mailed together. Letters of Recommendation can also be included in the packet or emailed directly to MESF review board.

MESF Application Form

General Information

Name:

Date of Birth:

Birthplace:

If not born in Milwaukee, what year did you become a resident of Milwaukee?

Email:

Phone Number:

Educational Information

High School(s) Attended/Graduated:

College(s) Attended:

Current GPA

Anticipated Graduation Date

Employment History

List places and dates of employment (for past five years)

List any relevant volunteer work (for past five years)

Essay Questions

How is receiving a MSW degree important to your long term goals?

Why are you committed to providing mental health services to the African American community in Milwaukee?

How do you plan to finance the rest of your MSW degree and how to you plan to complete the program in two years?

What are your plans following completing the MSW program?

How will receiving this scholarship impact you?

APPLICANT READ AND SIGN BELOW

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND IS MY OWN WORK. I UNDERSTAND THAT MISREPRESENTATION OR FRAUDULENT INFORMATION MAY BE GROUNDS FOR LOSS OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AND REPAYMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT MESF HAS THE RIGHT TO VERIFY ANY INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION. ADDITIONALLY, IF I AM AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM MESF, I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN A CONTRACT WHICH WILL INCLUDE MY COMMITMENT TO WORKING IN MILWAUKEE FOR TWO YEARS FOLLOWING GRADUATION.

ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS TO BE MAILED TO:

MESF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
5353 Gamble Drive, Suite 395
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Letters of Recommendation can be sent with application packet or emailed directly to:
MARYELLENSTRONGFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM

YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL UPON RECEIPT OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION