**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

The Mary Ellen Strong Foundation (MESF) Scholarship was established to help African American students living in 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 why providing mental health services are a critical part of helping African Americans in Milwaukee’s underserved areas and what issues/challenges you hope to address in Milwaukee upon graduation.
* Must commit to pursuing MSW full-time.
* Must be African American.
* Must agree to remain in Milwaukee for two years after graduation.
* Must work in clinical setting that primarily serves African Americans upon completion of the MSW degree.
* Must participate in professional development activities for the duration of the scholarship.

# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

MESF will award 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, 2020 until April 16, 2020 5:00 pm CST. Those selected for an interview will be informed by April 27, 2020 and scholarship recipients will be informed no later than May 9, 2020.

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please read and complete the application form. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

The following documents must be submitted to complete your application:

* MESF Application Form
* Responses to essay questions
* Most recent undergraduate transcript (unoﬃcial transcripts accepted)
* A letter of acceptance from the Masters of Social Work Program at the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare--University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
* List of References (include their name, position, address, phone number, email address, and your relationship to them).
* Three Letters of Recommendation: At least one must be from an undergraduate professors/instructor. Letters of Recommendation may be emailed directly to MESF.

Submit the following together: 1) MESF Application Form; 2) Responses to essay questions; 3) Transcripts and 4) List of references. Letters of Recommendation can be included in the application packet or emailed directly to MESF. Letter of Acceptance can also be sent separately.

**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?
* Please provide additional comments describing your financial need and how this scholarship will help you?
* What other relevant information would you like the selection committee to consider in reviewing your application (e.g. awards, honors, publications, employment experiences, or internships)?

**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.

 Sign Date

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