**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

The Mary Ellen Strong Foundation (MESF) Scholarship was established to help African American students living in Wisconsin and Minnesota obtain their Master’s in Social Work degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee or University of Minnesota. Decisions are based on overall assessment of the entire application and (for those selected) an interview (to be conducted virtually due to COVID).

# SELECTION CRITERIA

* Provide evidence of success in completing academic coursework to date
* Must commit to pursuing MSW full-time.
* Must identify as Black/African American.
* Must plan to work towards clinical licensure immediately following graduation.
* Must participate in professional development activities for the duration of the scholarship.
* Demonstrate financial need.

# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

MESF will award $5000-$10,000 tuition scholarships for the 2022-2024 academic years.

DEADLINE: Applications will be accepted from April 1, 2022 until April 30, 2022 5:00 pm CST. Those selected for an interview will be informed by May 9,2022 and scholarship recipients will be informed no later than June 6, 2022.

# 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 transcript (unoﬃcial transcripts accepted)
* Proof of acceptance to the Masters of Social Work Program at the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare--University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee or University of Minnesota
* Two Letters of Recommendation: At least one must be from a professors/instructor familiar with your academic work. 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) Proof of program acceptance (letter or email). Letters of Recommendation can be included with application or emailed directly to MESF.

**MESF Application Form**

## General Information

Name:

Date of Birth:

Birthplace:

If not born in Wisconsin or Minnesota, what year did you become a resident of Wisconsin or Minnesota?

Email:

Phone Number:

## Educational Information

High School(s) Attended/Graduated: College(s) Attended:

Current GPA:

Graduation Date:

## Employment History

List places and dates of employment (for past two years) List any relevant volunteer work (for past two 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 or the Twin Cities?
* 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. other experiences, personal history, other motivators)?

**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 ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD, I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM COMMITTING TO ENGAGING IN MESF’S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

 Sign Date

 \_\_\_\_\_ The typed name and date represent my signature and affirmation of the above statement

ALL DOCUMENTS TO BE E-MAILED TO: MARYELLENSTRONGFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM

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

YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL UPON RECEIPT OF COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET