

## Mission of Hope Scholarship Program Criteria & Info - For Scholarship Applicants



### **PLEASE READ THROUGH THE FOLLOWING VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION**

#### To become a Mission of Hope Scholar, you must...

- Complete this application in its entirety. **All blanks must be completed.**
- Include a handwritten letter, **in black ink written on front of each page only (You may write as many pages as you like)**. Items to include:
  - Give examples in your life that gave you the desire to further your education.
  - What led you to be interested in the area of study you are pursuing?
  - What have you accomplished/set out to do in order to move forward with your education and/or profession?
  - What family situations, circumstances or anything else about yourself would you like us to know about you that you haven't already shared?
- Include two Letters of Recommendation from the Principal, Guidance Counselor and/or a teacher.
- Include School Transcript and ACT Scores
- Return Application and other requested documents to the Guidance Counselor
- **Have Guidance Counselor mail applications to MOH postmarked no later than February 27.**
- Be available for a Zoom interview scheduled through your guidance counselor
- Attend **mandatory** Scholars' Dinner in July 25, 2024 at the Corbin Center in Corbin, KY.

#### How the Scholarship works...

- \$3,000 annually based on \$1,500 per semester\* (**See back about scholars receiving TN Promise**)
- Money is paid directly to the college.
- Funding begins in the fall semester following high school graduation. Fall semester checks are mailed mid-July.
- Scholarships are for one year. It is the desire, **funds permitting**, that the scholarship will be available for an additional year. If funds do permit, current Scholars must meet all qualifications in order to continue as a Mission of Hope Scholar.
- Scholars will also be paired with a Mission of Hope Mentor to help and encourage them.

#### All Mission of Hope Scholars must...

- Maintain a minimum of 12 Credit Hours **per semester** and a minimum 2.5 GPA **per semester**
- Provide Mission of Hope a transcript (an unofficial copy is fine) or screenshot of your grades immediately upon receiving them at the end of each semester. **Transcript/Screenshot must show course name, grades & credit hours and semester GPA. The next semester check will not be sent until grades are received.**
- Respond promptly to any correspondence from the Mission of Hope office and/or their mentor

You will be ineligible for a Scholarship if you fail to maintain any of the above requirements.

## Student's Receiving TN Promise

\*If the selected Tennessee Scholar is attending a two-year community college or technical school and receives the Tennessee Promise Scholarship as well, the student will receive a portion (\$875 per semester) from the MOH to cover books and fees (costs not covered by Tennessee Promise). As you are aware, the full value of our Scholarship is \$3,000/year. Therefore, the balance of the remaining Scholarship (\$625 per semester), will be banked by the MOH in that student's name, to be used towards pursuing a four-year degree should the student decide to continue their education beyond the two-year community college. (Please note: this money will only be banked for up to three years post high school graduation. At that time, if the student has chosen to not continue on with a four-year college/university, that money will roll back into the MOH Scholarship Fund to support other students in the future.)

Should you ever have a remaining balance at your two-year community college or technical school, please contact the Mission of Hope and we will send you a 'Release of Banked Funds' form to complete. Once we have that we can release some or all of your banked funds to pay off that balance instead of saving it for a four-year college. This would be mailed directly to the school.