**Mustang Foundation Scholarship**

**Application Guidelines**

**DR. MICHAEL A. and ROSEMARY S. VESETH VOCATIONAL TRADE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Application Requirements:

* The applicant must be a Phillips County High School graduating senior in good standing with vocational or trade school intent. Please include a copy of your high school transcript. The applicant must attend a vocational/trade school in Montana.
* The recipient must satisfactorily complete one full-time semester of vocational or trade school with a 2.0 GPA or higher before payment is received. Payment will be made directly to the student upon proof by the school’s registrar that the student’s grades are in good standing. **Please include a sealed official transcript from the registrar’s office.**
* The school the applicant/recipient plans to attend must be an accredited vocational or trade school.
* If you do not have all requirements listed, your application may not be considered for the award.

Deadline: Applications must be postmarked no later than the 2nd Friday of April. Applications may be mailed to Mustang Foundation, P.O. Box 757, Malta, MT 59538.

Selection: The Mustang Foundation Scholarship Committee will review applications

and select recipients within thirty (30) days after the deadline. Two individuals from the category will be selected and contacted by the Scholarship Committee. Two alternates from the category will also be named in the event that either of the recipients are unable to utilize the award as intended. The applicants receiving the highest cumulative total points will be awarded the scholarships from the category they applied. In the event that any essay is similar/exact to that of another student’s essay, both/all applications will be disqualified.

Award: Two $1,000 cash award payments will be made payable to the recipient upon proof of satisfactory completion of the first semester. As stated above, proof of good standing must be signed from the registrar of the school the recipient attended. The recipient must use the award within three (3) semesters from the time of the award. If the recipient chooses not to use the award the first year, notification must be given to the Mustang Foundation.

Exclusions: If an applicant is related to any person on the Scholarship Selection

Committee, that committee member will be excused from participating in the scholarship selection process. A relative in this situation would include any children, grandchildren, cousins, nieces and/or nephews of a committee member.

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**Section I. – Title Page Points: 10**

**This is the only section where the applicant’s name should appear. *If his/her name***

***appears anywhere else in the application, he/she will be immediately disqualified. If there is any additional information/anything added to application, it will be disqualified.* Please include the name of the scholarship as a header on each page as well.**

* Full name of the applicant (on title page only) 2 pts.
* Full address of applicant (on title page only) 2 pts.
* Telephone number where applicant may be reached (on title page only) 1 pt.
* Trade/Vocational School applicant is planning to attend/Career Path 2 pts.
* High School GPA 2 pts.
* Include name of scholarship as a header on each page 1 pt.

**Section II. – Career Plan Points: 20**

**Grammar/Spelling: 5 pts.**

**Content: 15 pts.**

* In 50 – 100 words, describe your career plans. Include specific reasons for choosing a career in this field and your future goals in your field of study

**Section III. – Essay Points: 50**

**Grammar/Spelling: 10 pts.**

**Content: 40 pts.**

* Provide a description of your extra-curricular activities, including those through your high school and those outside of school. Also identify who your biggest inspiration is (living or dead) and what they did to inspire you

**Section IV. – One (1) Letter of Recommendation/One (1) OFFICIAL Transcript Points: 20 total (10 each)**

The applicant should provide one (1) letter of recommendation. This letter may be included with the application, in a ***sealed envelope***.

***Bonus points shall be awarded if the applicant’s family is a member of the Mustang Foundation.***

***5 points for 1 year of membership***

***7 points for 2 or more years of membership***

***10 points for 4 or more years of membership***

Before mailing your application, make sure you have included all necessary information.

* Title Page with all required information
* Career Plan explanation completed, in 50-100 words.
* Essay completed
* Edit for Grammar/Spelling
* One letter of recommendation included, sealed by the letter’s author
* Transcripts included
* Postmarked by the second Friday in April