**Malta Education Association – Educator’s Scholarship**

**Application Guidelines**

Application Requirements:

* The applicant must be a Malta High School Senior with an accumulated GPA of 3.0 or higher
* The recipient must be on track for an Educational degree (teacher, administrator, superintendent, special education, etc.)
* Payment will be made directly to the student upon receiving an accumulated GPA of 3.0 or higher at the end of their first completed year at a college or university in an education major having acquired 24 credits (to be considered full-term).
* The school the applicant/recipient plans to attend must be an accredited college or university.
* If the applicant does not have all the requirements listed, the applicant 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. One individual will be selected and contacted by the Mustang Education Association Committee. Any additional applicants will be reviewed and awarded the scholarship if the first applicant is unable to utilize the award as intended. The applicant with the highest total cumulative points will be awarded the scholarship. In case of a tie, the Mustang Foundation will have the option of splitting the award or selecting an independent tie-breaking system to determine the scholarship winner. In the event that any essay is similar/exact to that of another student’s essay, both/all applications will be disqualified.

Award: A $500 cash award payment will be made payable to the recipient upon

proof of satisfactory completion of the first college year. 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: Recipients must be going into the Educational field as a career. If an applicant is related to any person on the Mustang Foundation Scholarship

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.
* University/College that 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.

**Section III. – Essay Points: 50**

Minimum 500 words, Maximum 1,000 words **Grammar/Spelling: 10 pts.**

 **Content: 40 pts.**

* Question: What in the educational field piqued your interest? Who was the biggest influence in your education that guided you to the educational field?

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

The applicant should provide one (3) letters of recommendation. The person recommending the student must sign their letter of recommendation. This letter may be included with the application, in a ***sealed envelope***.

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 in 500-1,000 words
* Edit for Grammar/Spelling
* One letter of recommendation included, sealed by the letter’s author
* Most recent semester’s transcripts
* Postmarked by the second Friday in April