

**2019 / 2020**

# **Merjent Foundation Academic Scholarship**

**For College Juniors and Seniors  
Pursuing a Career in an Environmental Field**



**Application Deadline**

October 1, 2019

## Merjent Foundation

The Merjent Foundation is a 501(3)c dedicated to giving back to the communities where Merjent, Inc. employees live and work by lending financial support to charitable organizations and by fostering environmental stewardship wherever possible. Merjent, Inc. is an environmental consulting firm based in Minneapolis, Minnesota and serving clients throughout North America.

Merjent Foundation's guiding principles are:

- Charity,
- Fairness,
- Respect, and
- Community Involvement.

## Merjent Foundation Academic Scholarship

The Merjent Foundation Academic Scholarship is a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship awarded to one individual who demonstrates academic success and intends to pursue a career in an environmental field.

## Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the Merjent Foundation Academic Scholarship, you must:

- Be an enrolled junior or senior at a select accredited four-year college or university nominated by a current Merjent staff member and approved by Merjent's scholarship committee. Eligible schools for the 2019/2020 scholarship include:
  1. Bemidji State University
  2. Gustavus Adolphus College
  3. Idaho State University
  4. North Dakota State University
  5. University of Minnesota- Morris
  6. University of Minnesota- Twin Cities
  7. University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point
  8. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
  9. Winona State University;
- Have a minimum cumulative college grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- Be enrolled in a degree program with the intention of pursuing a career in an environmental field. Degrees may include, but are not limited to: Environmental Sciences; Environmental Technology; Engineering; Biology; Fish and Wildlife Management; Soils; Anthropology; Archaeology; Education; Environmental Law; Geographic Information Systems; and

- Participate in a phone interview with the Merjent Foundation Board of Directors if chosen as a finalist.

## Application Packet

The application packet must include:

- An essay / personal statement (400 to 800 words);
- A minimum of one recommendation letter;
- A copy of your current college transcript to demonstrate a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0/4.0; and
- The completed scholarship application form.

## Essay / Personal Statement

We are interested in getting to know you, why you are interested in a career in the environmental field, and why you believe you are a good candidate for an environmental scholarship. Include information about your personal history, experiences, goals, and personal expectations that will help you reach your goals. Essays must contain 400 to 800 words.

## Recommendation Letter

At least one recommendation letter is required. The letter must be from a teacher, employer, or another personal reference that can speak to your interest and experience in an environmental field. The letter may not be from a family member.

## Application Format and Submittal Instructions

Applications shall be submitted via email by midnight on October 1, 2019.

Email application packets to: [MerjentFoundation@Merjent.com](mailto:MerjentFoundation@Merjent.com) in the following format:

- PDF all application components together and save with the file name Firstname\_Lastname\_app.pdf (e.g., Jane\_Anderson\_app.pdf).
- The email shall have the following subject line: **Merjent Foundation Academic Scholarship Application**

Merjent Foundation will send an email confirmation upon receipt of your application packet. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. Applications will be reviewed by the Merjent Foundation Board of Directors and the Scholarship Committee. Three finalists will be contacted via email by November 1, 2019, to schedule a phone interview. The scholarship recipient will be notified by email on or before December 1, 2019. The scholarship amount of \$1,000.00 will be sent directly to the college financial office and applied to the recipient's 2020 Winter semester tuition. Prior to submitting their application, the applicant is responsible for determining whether the scholarship would adversely affect their financial aid eligibility.

## Application Ineligibility

Students who have a parent or guardian that is a current Merjent, Inc. employee or students living at the same address as a current Merjent, Inc. employee are ineligible for this scholarship.

## Application Checklist

This checklist is not part of the application but may help you ensure you have completed all parts of this application.

- Signed and dated application form;
- Transcript or proof of registration from your current college / university;
- Essay / personal statement (400 to 800 words); and
- Letter(s) of recommendation.

## Questions?

If you have questions about the scholarship or application, please send an email to [MerjentFoundation@Merjent.com](mailto:MerjentFoundation@Merjent.com).

# Scholarship Application Form

## 2019 / 2020 Academic Year

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

College / University: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid / Business Office Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Major / Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ / 4.0

Brief Statement of Interest:

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## Scholarship Agreement

I, the undersigned scholarship applicant, attest that all information provided to Merjent Foundation in this application is true, complete, and correct. I understand that the information provided will be treated as confidential and is subject to verification by the Merjent Foundation.

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date