

October 7, 2016

Dear Michigan Public High School Guidance Counselor:

**RE: 2017 Michigan Education Association Scholarship**

Please share this MEA Scholarship Award application information with qualifying students at your high school. Our eligibility criterion is listed below:

**Eligibility Criteria**

- Dependent of an MEA member or MEA-Retired member in good standing
- Graduate of a Michigan public high school or private high school that has an MEA bargaining unit.
- Will attend or is currently an undergraduate student of a Michigan public community/junior college, four-year degree-granting institution, or vocational training institution that grants a degree, certification or license. Those attending the following private institutions ONLY are also eligible: Baker College-Flint/Owosso; University of Detroit–Mercy; Adrian College; Finlandia University; and Albion College. (The aforementioned private institutions are existing local MEA affiliates.)
- Note: Children of MEA officers, fund trustees, and MEA staff are not eligible. (A child of an MEA, MESSA or MEA-FS staff person is eligible if the other parent is an MEA member in good standing).

**Selection Criteria**

Priority is given on the basis of:

- Academic achievement
- Extra-curricular activities
- School and community service
- Students from lower income households

Last year, MEA awarded 34 scholarships totaling \$30,300 (\$1,200 scholarships to 19 new winners and \$500 scholarships to 15 returning college students). We have not yet determined the number and amount of scholarships for 2017.

Please direct eligible applicants to: <http://www.mea.org/mea-scholarship> to access the application. The application can be typed into, saved and then printed for signature to be mailed with the required documentation.

Please discard any 2016 applications you might have. We will not be able to accept applications that are submitted on outdated forms.

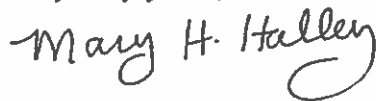
The application deadline is Thursday, February 23, 2017 – this is the date that applications need to be received by MEA. A postmark does not constitute being received. Faxed or emailed applications are not allowed.

No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Please stress the timely submission of the application to students and school personnel. There will be no extensions granted due to weather delays, snow days or power outages.

If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Barb Hitchcock at [bhitchcock@mea.org](mailto:bhitchcock@mea.org) or 517-333-6276.

Thank you very much for your assistance. We look forward to receiving applications from students in your high school.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary H. Halley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

Mary Halley  
Human Resources Director

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cc: Steven B. Cook, MEA President  
MEA Zone Directors  
MEA UniServ Directors  
Linda Carter, Chairperson of MEA Scholarship Fund