



Guidelines for the Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund

Missouri Association of Rural Education

OVERVIEW

The level of economic development of an area is directly related to the quality of education available. To improve the economic development of rural Missouri, an adequate number of well-trained, dedicated teachers must be available to instruct in rural school districts.

OBJECTIVE

The goals to be achieved through the Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund include:

- ❑ Attracting quality teachers to rural school districts
- ❑ Improving the economic development of rural communities by upgrading the education system to provide a well-educated, skilled work force
- ❑ Attract intelligent, energetic individuals to furnish leadership skills in rural communities

CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION

MARE's scholarship committee has recommended the general criteria to include:

- ❑ Academic achievement
- ❑ Leadership qualities
- ❑ Interest in teaching in a rural school system

COMPONENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

Only junior and senior-level Missouri college/university students qualify as scholarship recipients. Exception – Colleges/Universities that do not approve a students' major in education until they are enrolled in a 5th year

program. (Eligible students are those who have successfully completed 60 credit hours and have declared a major in education.)

A scholarship recipient may reapply in a subsequent year for another scholarship.

Applicants must have achieved 2.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.

An essay must be submitted describing the applicant's connection to, and interest in rural Missouri, and why they want to teach in a rural community. This essay should be no more than two pages, double-spaced.

Applicants must also provide personal recommendations from one official from their home high school and two recommendations from college/university education professors (refer to non-traditional student requirements below). These recommendations should include comments on the following:

- ❑ Leadership ability
- ❑ Scholastic achievement
- ❑ Dependability
- ❑ Ability to relate to students and faculty
- ❑ Potential for success as a rural teacher

Copies of both high school (refer to non-traditional student requirements) and college transcripts are required with the application.

The application form includes such items as:

- ❑ What is the degree of your financial need?
- ❑ How are you funding your education?
- ❑ What other scholarships have you been granted?
- ❑ What is your major area of course study?
- ❑ In what activities have you participated while in school? (Clubs, student government, sports, volunteerism, etc.)

Applicant agrees to be present at the MARE Summer Board Meeting currently scheduled in Jefferson City, MO (Saturday morning, July 29, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.) to receive the award presentation.

SCREENING PROCEDURES

MARE will contact Missouri colleges/universities offering teaching degrees, asking that each submit candidate applications. The applications will be screened by the Scholarship Committee, which is responsible for naming scholarship recipients.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MAILED TO

Dr. Ray V. Patrick, Exec. Director
MARE Scholarship Fund
Missouri Association of Rural Education
710 N College Street, Suite C
Warrensburg, Missouri 64093-1220

TIME LINE

Distribution to Colleges/Universities	01/25/2017
Application Deadline	03/24/2017 (Postmarked by)
Selection Meeting	First of April
ANTICIPATED MARE Announcement	April 17, 2017
Official Presentation (Summer Board Meeting)	July 29, 2017

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE
MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF RURAL EDUCATION**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____
Home or Cell

Email
Address: _____

College/University
Attending: _____

Major: _____

Hours
Completed: _____

Advisor: _____

Parent (Guardian)
Name: _____

Parent (Guardian)
Address: _____
City/State _____

ZIP Code: _____

Grade Point
Average: _____

How is your education being funded?

Do you have other scholarships? _____. If yes, please state the name, duration, and amount of each scholarship.
(yes/no)

In which extracurricular activities do you participate? (Clubs, student government, sports, etc.)?

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR APPLICATION:

1. A brief essay discussing why you would like to teach in a rural Missouri community. (Maximum length of two pages, double spaced).
2. Personal recommendations from the following that include comments on leadership ability, scholastic achievement, dependability, ability to relate to other students/faculty and potential for success as a rural teacher:
 - a. One official (teacher/administrator) from the high school from which the applicant graduated.
 - b. Two recommendations from a college/university education professor where applicant is currently attending.
 - c. Non-traditional applicants may use college/university education professors for all personal recommendations.
3. A high school transcript.
4. A current college transcript. (Non-traditional applicants may use current college transcript only.)