



Howard D. Merchant

Memorial Scholarship

2019 Howard D. Merchant Memorial Scholarship

Summary: Georgia Merchant wishes to honor the memory of her husband, Howard D. Merchant, by establishing this scholarship to assist graduating seniors from St. Joseph High School who wish to pursue a college degree in the field of science. Howard Merchant was a successful business and community leader whose chemistry education prepared him for future opportunities. Howard, a graduate of Kalamazoo College, went on to hold leadership roles at Whirlpool Corporation where he held many patents and loved to mentor new staff. This scholarship is intended to recognize the excellence and leadership of St. Joseph High School students who wish to apply those traits to the study of science.

Amount of Scholarship: \$1,000 annually for four (4) consecutive years in college.*

Criteria for Award: To qualify for the Howard D. Merchant Science Scholarship a student must:

- Be a St. Joseph High School graduating senior.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0.
- Declare his/her intention to major in an academic career path in the sciences.
- Plan to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college or university.
- Complete the application form and include at least two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a member of the faculty or staff of St. Joseph High School.
- Provide a typewritten essay (300 words or less) discussing his/her career goals and how this scholarship will help achieve those goals.

** Awards will be made to graduating seniors. To qualify for a renewal, a student must have completed sufficient credits to achieve at least next level status and have demonstrated a continued successful (3.0 GPA) commitment to a career path in science in the judgment of the Scholarship Committee. Award amounts may vary from year-to-year depending on investment performance.*

Selection Process:

--All applications **must** be submitted to the St. Joseph High School Guidance Department **no later than Monday, March 18, 2019.**

---A committee of the Merchant Family will select the finalist for the scholarship.

--Upon receipt of a final High School transcript and proof of college/university enrollment, the award will be made directly to the College or University of the student's choice.

Recommendation Form Instructions

Please note and follow important instructions listed below:

- A. The last page of this scholarship application is a recommendation form. Please do the following:
 - 1. Print **TWO** copies of the recommendation form.
 - 2. Give one copy of the recommendation form to one of your teachers, along with an envelope.
 - 3. Give one copy of the recommendation form to someone who is NOT a faculty member (example: employer, pastor, etc.), along with an envelope.

NOTE

Ask your recommenders to please return the completed recommendation form to you in a SEALED envelope with their signature across the sealed part of the envelope.

- B. Please do the following:
 - 1. Print a copy of your completed applications.
 - 2. Attach the two **UNOPENED** envelopes containing the completed recommendation forms to your application.
 - 3. Submit all completed documents to the Guidance Department **NO LATER THAN 3 pm ON MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019.**

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2019 APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Please list extra-curricular activities and list the years involved (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior) and include leadership positions held.

School extra-curricular activities:

Community Service (volunteer):

Paid Employment – list dates:

To what college(s) have you been accepted?

What aspect of science do you plan to pursue?

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe your future career goals and your plan to reach those goals. (300 words or less, typewritten, double spaced)

List at least two (2) references who are members of the faculty at your high school. *(Please give ONE of the teachers listed below a copy of the recommendation form and envelope. Ask your teacher to please enclose the completed recommendation form in the envelope, SEAL it, and sign his/her name across the sealed part of the envelope and return it to you.)*

1) _____ 2) _____

List at least two (2) references of people who are outside of the faculty and to whom you are NOT related. *(Please give ONE of the teachers listed below a copy of the recommendation form and envelope. Ask your teacher to please enclose the completed recommendation form in the envelope, SEAL it, and sign his/her name across the sealed part of the envelope and return it to you.)*

1) _____ 2) _____

ESTIMATED COLLEGE COSTS FOR ONE YEAR

(as noted on your preferred college website)

Tuition \$ _____

Room and Board \$ _____

Books/Supplies \$ _____

Other (describe):

- 1. _____ \$ _____
- 2. _____ \$ _____
- 3. _____ \$ _____
- 4. _____ \$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS \$ _____

How do you expect to finance your college education? *(Please include any scholarships you have received and the amount of the award.)*

Please include the following documents compiled in the order listed below:

1. Completed application stapled in correct numerical order (Pages 1,2,3,4).
2. A double-spaced, **typewritten** essay about your educational aspirations.
3. An official transcript, including ACT and/or SAT scores.
4. Two letters of recommendations from references listed above in sealed envelopes.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE:

A hardcopy and electronic version of this completed application **MUST be submitted to the Guidance Office **IN THE ORDER LISTED ABOVE – NO LATER than MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019** to be considered for this award.**

2019 MERCHANT SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMEDATION FORM

Student's name _____

Person completing this form _____

Relationship to Student _____

(If a teacher, please include subject(s) taught and the year(s) – Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

NOTE:

After completing this form, please enclose it in the attached envelope, SEAL the envelope and sign your name across the sealed part of the envelope before returning it to the student.

Compared to other students in his/her class year, how do you rate this student in terms of:

	No basis	Below average	Average	Good (above average)	Very good (well above average)	Excellent (top 10%)	One of the top few I've encountered
Productive class discussion or participation							
Respectful of others							
Maturity							
Motivation							
Leadership							
Integrity							
Reaction to setbacks							
Self-Confidence							
Initiative, independence							
Verbal communication skills							

COMMENTS:

_____ (please use the back of this sheet if more space is needed)

Signature of recommender _____ Date _____