

**St Joseph Lions Club
Mergenthaler Scholarship Fund
Application**

The Mergenthaler scholarship is made possible through the generosity of Mrs. Lillian Mergenthaler to residents of the St. Joseph, Michigan School District, for the purpose of furthering their education, to better their own lives and the lives of those around them.

In order that you, the applicant, may be considered as a possible recipient of one of these scholarships you must do/provide the following:

1. Complete the entire application form.
2. Include your transcript of grades.
3. Include your ACT and your SAT test scores.
4. Attach a statement typed (100 words or less) as to "Why I would like to pursue further education."

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____
Applicant's Address: Street _____ Phone No. _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date of Birth : _____ Place of Birth: _____
Father's Name: _____ Age: _____
Place of employment: _____ Occupation: _____
Mother's Name: _____ Age: _____
Place of employment: _____ Occupation: _____
Guardian information if not living with parents:
Name: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: _____
Number of children in your family younger than you _____ older than you _____
Number of children in your family in post-high school education facilities other than you _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Course of study you plan to follow: _____
Have you been accepted by a college, university, trade or vocational school? _____ yes _____ no
If yes, what is the name of the institution? _____
Date you will graduate from high school: _____ Number in class _____ Rank in class _____

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

List any academic, vocational, artistic, social or athletic honors you received in high school:

List major extra-curricular interests you pursued in high school: _____

List both school and non-school organizations to which you belong: _____

List offices or positions of leadership you held in these organizations: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What was your parents' combined income for the previous year? (check one)

- Less than \$50,000
- More than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000
- More than \$100,000 but less than \$150,000
- More than \$150,000 but less than \$200,000
- More than \$200,000

Do your parents own their own home? yes no

Do they have a mortgage on their home? yes no

If they do, what is the balance of their mortgage? (check one)

- Less than \$50,000
- More than \$50,000 but less than \$100,000
- More than \$100,000 but less than \$150,000
- More than \$150,000 but less than \$200,000
- More than \$200,000

Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college you plan to attend? yes no

If yes, give details: _____

Other than your cost of tuition and fees, will your parents incur any anticipated uncommon expenses during your post-high school education years? yes no

If yes, explain: _____

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Where were you employed during your high school years? _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES

List the following references: include name, address and telephone number

- Three teachers 1: _____
- 2: _____
- 3: _____

Three members of the local community not related to you:

- 1: _____
- 2: _____
- 3: _____

Please have the school principal, or counselor, submit a written evaluation of applicant directly to the Mergenthaler Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Dear Parents/Guardian of Applicant:

Should it be deemed necessary, will you submit a copy of your prior year's Income Tax return and other information which may be reasonably required by the Scholarship Committee of the St. Joseph Lions Club? yes no

Parents'/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

How to apply.

To apply for the Mergenthaler Scholarship, one should obtain and fill out a standard application form available from area high schools, the St. Joseph Lions Club, or The Mergenthaler Scholarship Committee. In addition to the information requested on the form, applicants must submit a written report of one page or less stating, "Why I would like to pursue further education in (student's goal)." Candidates may be requested to meet with the selection committee.

Applications must be delivered to The Mergenthaler Scholarship Committee by April 15 at the following address:

The Mergenthaler Scholarship Committee
PO Box 890
Saint Joseph, MI 49085

For more information:

For additional information, contact your school principal or counselor, or any member of The Mergenthaler Scholarship Committee at the address shown above.



St. Joseph Lions Club
Saint Joseph, Michigan

The Mergenthaler Scholarship

for residents of the
Saint Joseph School District



administered by the St. Joseph Lions Club

The Mergenthaler Scholarship

The Mergenthaler Scholarship was established in 1981 by Lillian Mergenthaler. Mrs. Mergenthaler and her late husband, Herman, were former owners of Herman's Greenhouse, now known as Colonial Flowers. The close proximity of their business location and the Saint Joseph High School complex generated her interest in young people. Mrs. Mergenthaler's generous support to the cultural and educational growth of this community during her lifetime is being continued after her death through the establishment of this scholarship fund.

The St. Joseph Lions Club was designated Administrator of the scholarship. The Club, formed in 1928, has served this community continuously since that time through programs of community service and civic improvements, focused on:

- *the blind, the needy, and the infirm*
- *the area's young people and adults.*

The St. Joseph Lions Club has appointed a seven-member committee, The Mergenthaler Scholarship Committee, to administer the scholarship activity.

Two scholarships annually

At least two scholarships will be awarded annually to assist students who desire to pursue a degree at an accredited college or university, or to assist students who desire to pursue a specialized program at an accredited vocational or trade school.



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Who is eligible?

Anyone residing within the Saint Joseph, Michigan school district at the time of the selection is eligible. There are no limitations as to age, sex, or race. All applicants must complete a standard application form providing certain scholastic, financial, and activities information to assist the Committee in making its evaluation.

Selection criteria.

Judging criteria include such things as scholastic standing, extra-curricular activities and interest, artistic, social, athletic, or vocational honors, class offices or positions held, membership in school and non-school organizations, work experience, and a statement by the applicant describing his or her goals or purpose in seeking further educational training.

A reference from teachers, laymen, counselors, or principals will be required. Judging will be divided into four categories:

- *scholastic*
- *school and community activities*
- *financial need*
- *a subjective evaluation (references, goals, interviews).*



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