

## The MSU Staff Senate Scholarships Criteria

As of January 21, 2000, the Minot State University employees established the MSU Staff Senate Scholarship Endowment Fund. For Spring Semester 2009, scholarship applications are currently available in the Office of Financial Aid. The completed applications must be returned to Merri Jo Connole in the financial aid office by **Jan 13, 2009**.

The fund's purpose is to assist staff or their dependents in their educational pursuits at the university. Dependents would include spouses or unmarried children under the age of 24. Initially, the fund was started with a \$5,000 deposit. This deposit, raised by Staff Senate through cookbook sales and MSU employee donations, has established an endowment principal to be held in perpetuity.

The fund's interest income will support scholarships to be drawn from qualified applicants; the amount and number of scholarships will be determined by Staff Senate. For Spring Semester 2009, drawings will be conducted during Staff Senate's Jan. 20, 2009 meeting. Qualified applicant criteria and scholarship guidelines are listed below:

STAFF APPLICATIONS	
Scholarship Criteria	Use of Scholarship Funds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or first-time student</li> <li>• Minimum one year of employment, with enrollment in at least 1SH for term of scholarship award, and working toward a first undergraduate or graduate degree</li> <li>• Must not have been a recipient of this award in the last award year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition beyond the Employee Tuition Waiver (see MSU Handbook)</li> <li>• Technology fee or books and supply purchases</li> <li>• Continuing Education tuition</li> </ul>

DEPENDENT APPLICATIONS	
Scholarship Criteria	Use of Scholarship Funds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5</li> <li>• Completion of 24 or more semester credits within a higher education institution, enrollment in at least 1SH for term of scholarship award, and working toward a first undergraduate or graduate degree</li> <li>• Must not have been a recipient of this award in the last award year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition, room, or board fees</li> <li>• Technology fee or books and supplies purchases</li> <li>• Continuing Education tuition</li> </ul>

Questions concerning making donations to this endowment fund can be directed to:

- Staff Senate representatives
- Staff Senate at MSU Post Office Box 19, MSU, Minot, ND 58707
- the MSU Development Foundation at (701)858-3890

MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY  
**STAFF SENATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
Spring Semester 2009

**Personal Information**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emplid: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be in Spring Semester 2009:   \_\_ College Freshman                   \_\_ College Sophomore  
  \_\_ College Junior                   \_\_ College Senior  
  \_\_ Other (please specify)

I will be in Spring Semester 2009:   \_\_ Returning student                   \_\_ Transfer Student  
  \_\_ Graduate student                   \_\_ New Freshman

Year applicant graduated from high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's anticipated enrollment status for Spring Semester 2009 (semester hours):  
\_\_12+           \_\_9-11           \_\_6-8           \_\_1-5

College grade point average \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative hours earned at MSU \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been a recipient of this award in the last award year? \_\_Yes    \_\_No

If the applicant is not a MSU employee, the MSU employee of whom the applicant is a spouse or dependent: \_\_\_\_\_

To be classified as an employee's dependent, the student must be claimed as an exemption on the staff member's federal income tax return.

The year that the above-mentioned employee started working at MSU: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission to MSU to release the financial aid and academic information contained in this application to the Staff Senate Scholarship Committee for the purpose of scholarship consideration. The scholarship committee may use this information to determine eligibility for the Staff Senate Scholarship. I also waive the right of notice as per Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579).

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application form by January 13, 2009 to Merri Jo Connole in the Office of Financial Aid, Minot State University, 500 University Avenue West, Minot, ND 58707.