

MARLS Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

2017 – 2018 Scholarships for 1st and 2nd Year Surveying Students

The Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Scholarship Foundation (MSF) has scholarship funds available for students who have graduated or are anticipating graduating from a Montana High School and are interested in pursuing an education in surveying at a Montana institution; and for students entering the 2nd year of a 2 year surveying curriculum or the 3rd year of a 4 year curriculum with a surveying emphasis.

1st Year Students: A number of scholarships of up to \$1,000 will be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year to students entering a curriculum which is recognized by the Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as meeting the requirements for a person to eventually become a Licensed Professional Land Surveyor. The currently recognized programs are those at Flathead Valley Community College and Montana State University - Bozeman.

1st Year Students: A number of scholarships of up to \$700 may be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year to students entering a curriculum which will provide a surveying technician level of education. A number of Montana community colleges and branches of State of Montana Universities offer surveying programs.

2nd Year Students: A number of scholarships of up to \$2,000 will be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year to students entering the 2nd year of a 2 year surveying curriculum or the 3rd year of a 4 year surveying focused curriculum approved by the Board of Directors (BOD) of MARLS. At the time of applying for scholarship funds, the applicant must be at a minimum in the 2nd semester of a 2 year surveying program or the 4th semester of a four year program.

Application: Scholarship awards will be determined based on a combination of academic achievement, financial need, work history, course of study, and a submitted essay. To apply for scholarship funds please supply the following information in a neat and orderly format (It is important for you to recognize that the Foundation takes into consideration how well the requested information is presented):

1. Type of scholarship being applied for. (1st & 2nd year applicants)
2. Full name, address, telephone number, and email address. (1st & 2nd year applicants)
3. Description of financial need. (1st & 2nd year applicants)
4. Work experience, especially any surveying experience. (1st & 2nd year applicants)
5. The name and location of the high school you are attending or you attended. Include the month and year of graduation or anticipated graduation. (1st year applicants only)
6. Your high school grade transcript to date. (1st year applicants only)
7. The name of the school you are planning to attend and the program you will enroll in. (1st year applicants only)
8. A one page essay describing what interested you in pursuing an education in surveying, and your career goals. (1st year applicants only)
9. The name of the institution you attended for your 1st year of surveying education. (2nd year applicants only)
10. Your post high school grade transcript to date. (2nd year applicants only)
11. Name of the institution you are planning on attending for your 2nd year of surveying education. (2nd year applicants only)
12. A one page essay describing what you have learned about surveying to date and how that knowledge will assist you in achieving your career goals. (2nd year applicants only)
13. A letter of recommendation (sent directly to the MARLS scholarship foundation) from a school counselor or surveying instructor who you had contact with at the institution of your first year of surveying education. The letter should include the writer's opinion as to your qualifications, character, and attitude. All recommendations are confidential. (2nd year applicants only)

Your application packet should include the following statement along with your signature and the date.

"I hereby certify that all the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that any false information in, or deliberate omissions from, this application may be grounds for rejection of the application and withdrawal of any scholarship award offer. I agree that I will abide by the decisions of the MARLS Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors as they relate to this Scholarship application".

All applications must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2017.

All decisions regarding scholarship awards for the 2016 - 2017 school year will be made by the MSF Board of Directors.

Awards of scholarship funds will be made after receipt of proof of enrollment.

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Submit application materials to:

MARLS Scholarship Foundation, Inc.,

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