

2017 MSEA/SEIU SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET FOR FULL-TIME & PART-TIME SCHOLARSHIPS

FULL-TIME STUDENTS: Applications for the annual scholarships will be considered only from students who have one of the following relationships with a **dues-paying MSEA/SEIU member**; son or daughter of an MSEA member; stepchild of an MSEA member who resides with the MSEA member; son or daughter of the MSEA member's significant other who resides with the MSEA member in accordance with the sick leave article of the Executive Branch contract; student who is under legal guardianship of an MSEA member; and/or grandchild of an MSEA member who resides with the grandparent. The applicant must be entering full-time post-secondary educational or vocational programs for the first time as freshmen. Full-time shall be defined as complying with federal standards of twelve (12) credit hours per semester.

Four (4) scholarships will be awarded as follows: The *Richard McDonough Scholarship* in the amount of \$1,500, the *Dr. Howard L. Bowen Scholarship* in the amount of \$1,000, the *Murray L. Brown Scholarship* in the amount of \$1,000, and the *George A. Davala Scholarship* in the amount of \$1,000.

Additionally, one *Maine Community College Scholarship* (MCCS) in the amount of \$750 will be awarded in each of the three (3) MSEA Areas to a student attending a Maine Community College provided there is an applicant. If there is no applicant from an Area, that scholarship may be awarded to a qualified applicant from another Area. The MCCS applicants will first be considered along with the other applicants for the four (4) scholarships mentioned above. If not selected to receive one of these scholarships, they will then be considered for the MCCS Scholarship.

PART-TIME STUDENTS: The MSEA Scholarship Committee is also accepting applications for three (3) \$500 scholarships from MSEA/SEIU members enrolled in part-time (or full-time) educational programs. (*One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a member in each of the three MSEA Areas.*)

Applications for the three Area part-time annual scholarships will be considered only from MSEA members who are furthering their education either on a part-time basis while employed **OR** on a full time basis after obtaining an educational leave of absence. Also members working to maintain certification and/or licensing in their field.

BASIS FOR AWARDING ALL SCHOLARSHIPS: The members of the Scholarship Committee from each of the three Areas will screen applications from all areas and award all full and part-time scholarships on the following basis:

CHARACTER (self motivation); **LEADERSHIP** (school and community); **SERVICE TO OTHERS** (school and community); **FINANCIAL NEED & SCHOLASTIC ABILITY**. Each item will receive a numerical rating from one to nine (one being the lowest, nine the highest) with the scores for financial need and scholastic ability being doubled. The total of these ratings determines the success of the application (in case of a tie, a member of the MSEA Board of Directors will be asked to evaluate both applicants and that evaluation will serve as the tie-breaker.) The Committee, if deemed necessary may require personal interviews. All scholarships will be payable directly to the school, one-half during the first semester or partial year, and one-half during the second semester of the academic year.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS: The following materials should accompany all applications: **1.)** High School Transcript; **2.)** Essay on how the union has affected you and/or your family and what does it mean to you (No more than one (1) page in length); **3.)** Itemized statement of your, and if you are a dependent, your parents/guardians' financial resources (savings/assets) and outstanding obligations (bills/loan payments); **4.)** 2016 Federal Income Tax Return including all statements and schedules (all held in strict confidence); **5.)** Description of your extra curricular activities: school & community; **6.)** One scholastic reference letter (coaches or anyone connected to the applicant's school) and one non-scholastic reference letter (non-relative and not school related). Reference letters should contain information on character, leadership, and service to others, as well as any other information, which indicates why this applicant should be considered.

It will be the Applicant's responsibility to be sure all required references are received at MSEA Headquarters by the scholarship deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered after this date.

APPLICATIONS & ALL REQUIRED DATA MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 21, 2017

Please mail to:

MAINE STATE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, 65 STATE ST., AUGUSTA, ME 04330