



## GUIDELINES FOR MISSISSIPPI PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS' 2010 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mississippi Professional Educators will award up to five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to MPE members who wish to pursue graduate level studies at a college or university in the state of Mississippi.

### **The Scholarship is available to any educator who:**

- Is a member of MPE
- Will be under contract as a full-time educator in Mississippi during the 2010-2011 school year
- Is accepted and enrolled in graduate course work at a Mississippi college or university OR who intends to enroll in such coursework if awarded a scholarship

### **Procedures for submission:**

- Application packets must be in the MPE office in Jackson, MS by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 12, 2010 to be eligible for review
- All materials including the completed application and all items from the checklist must be submitted and all materials must be accurate and completely filled out including:
  - **An official transcript(s) of all undergraduate course work**
  - **An official transcript(s) of all graduate course work, if applicable**
  - **Resume' of professional experience, education, awards and service**
  - **Documentation (a copy of applicant's contract, a letter from the principal, or a letter from the central office that the applicant is an employee in good standing) that applicant will be employed during the 2010-2011 school year;**
  - **Essay (500 to 600 words discussing how furthering your education will impact your effectiveness as an educator); and,**
  - **Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal*.**

**Scoring and Ranking of the Award winners:** The applications will be ranked in four areas and a total of 20 points are available:

- 5 points for GPA Undergraduate Coursework
- 5 points for Resume
- 5 points for Years of Certified/Licensed Professional Educational Experience
- 5 points for Essay on Assigned Topic

MPE will award one scholarship to the highest ranked applicant from each of Mississippi's four congressional districts and one scholarship to the highest ranked applicant in the remaining pool of applications (the state at large). If MPE does not have any applicants from a congressional district or applications that meet minimal point requirements, MPE will award that scholarship to the next highest ranked applicant from the state at large. In the event of a tie, the applicant with the most years of MPE membership will be awarded the scholarship.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the Mississippi college or university at which the graduate student is enrolled or plans on attending if he/she receives the scholarship. A

scholarship recipient will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent MPE Graduate Scholarship if he/she withdraws from graduate school or does not maintain at least a “C” average. Graduate Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the Annual Convention and asked to speak about how they will use the scholarship.

All scholarships are given at the discretion of MPE and its professional staff. All submitted applications become property of MPE and cannot be returned. All rulings are final.



**MPE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
(APPLICANT MUST BE A MEMBER OF MPE.)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip

Mississippi Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_  
(1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School/District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/District Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School/District Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position/Subject(s) Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

MS License #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

MPE Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate GPA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

(Applicant must have a 3.0 GPA or greater at the graduate level to be considered for the scholarship)

Contracted Years of Certified/Licensed Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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On a separate sheet of paper, please type an essay of 500 to 600 words discussing how furthering your education will impact your effectiveness as an educator.

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I certify that I am accepted and/or enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ OR that I will enroll upon being awarded a MPE Graduate Scholarship. I understand that if I am awarded a MPE Graduate Scholarship, MPE will mail a check made payable to my university or college on my behalf. I also understand that I will not be eligible to re-apply for a subsequent scholarship if I withdraw from graduate school or if I do not maintain at a "C" average in my coursework.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE MPE OFFICE BY 5:00 PM ON MARCH 12<sup>th</sup> AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**(Check as each item is included)**

- **An official transcript(s) of all undergraduate course work**
- **An official transcript(s) of all graduate course work, if applicable**
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- **Essay (see above); and,**
- **Photograph for use in the *MPE Journal*.**

**Please return your complete application to:**

**Mississippi Professional Educators  
ATTN: Graduate Scholarship  
P.O. Box 22550  
Jackson, MS 39225-2550**