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Date: April 24, 2017

To: High School Principals
Guidance Counselors

From: Mifflin County Education and Scholarship Foundation (MCESF)
[Formerly Mifflin County 2000, Inc.]

Re: **MCESF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2017**

Mifflin County Education and Scholarship Foundation is pleased to invite applications for the scholarships administered annually by its Incentive Committee. This memo describes the application procedures and the criteria for the awards of these scholarships. Please announce the availability of these scholarships to your graduating Seniors and provide interested students with the appropriate applications. Please note that applications **must** be received on or before May 12, 2017.

REMINDER: DIGITAL SUBMISSION - no more redundant photo-copies and bulky mailed or hand-delivered submissions. One digital file per applicant via email – see Page 3 of this letter, Item D.

Reminder - Scholarship applications can only be accepted from Guidance Counselors using procedures outlined below, not directly from any student.

(Scholarship explanations and applications continue to be available on our website. Logon to: www.mcesf.org, then select "FORMS" from the menu.)

A. Application Procedure for All Scholarships

Each high school attended by students from Mifflin County is invited to submit applications for the scholarships described below, which will be reviewed during a meeting of our Incentives Committee on May 19, 2017. Please follow these instructions:

1. Individual students may be submitted as candidates for any or all of these scholarships, provided they meet the criteria for the scholarship.
2. Each scholarship has its own application form (attached).
3. Each scholarship has a maximum number of candidates from each school that may apply for that scholarship.
4. One digital file per student, containing all applications and related material for that student, **must be received via email (mcesf@mcesf.org) on or before May 12, 2017 - 4pm**. Schools should not submit applications for more than the allowed number of candidates for each scholarship.

B. Scholarship Criteria.

Applications will be judged and scholarships awarded by representatives from each of the sponsoring organizations, and their decisions will be final. The following attributes that each candidate's application demonstrates will be taken into consideration for all scholarships below:

- Strength of character and commitment to community.
- Academic performance.
- Well-roundedness.
- Seriousness of purpose towards a successful college career.
- Financial need.
- Inclination towards a career in Mifflin County.

The Incentives Committee invites and strongly urges guidance counselors to participate in the review and selection meeting on May 19, 2017, to present their personal views of candidates' qualifications and answer committee questions. To the extent possible, the selection meeting will be conducted via digital conference. Committee members will want to be aware of any cases in which a scholarship award would affect the decision of a student to attend college. Guidance counselors improve their candidates' chances by being able to support their applications in person. (Meeting times will be provided at a later date.)

Scholarship awards will be presented to recipients during the week of May 22nd in the MCIDC meeting room. The exact date and time will be announced on May 12th after all submissions are received. Please advise applicants accordingly.

C. Scholarships to Be Awarded:

1. MCESF Scholarships. Mifflin County Education and Scholarship Foundation will award the following scholarships:

a. The James Oswalt Scholarship of $1000 for a student enrolling in any college program.
b. One Academic Scholarship of $1000 for a student enrolling in a four-year college program or a two-year academic or technical college.

Each school may submit up to three candidates for each of the two scholarships described above, that is, a total of no more than six candidates. The James Oswalt Scholarship will be awarded to the candidate judged the most outstanding of all the candidates applying for any of these scholarships.

2. Mifflin County Bicentennial Scholarships. The Mifflin County Bicentennial Scholarship Committee will award the following scholarships:

a. Four $1,000 scholarships for students enrolling in a four-year college program or a two-year academic or technical college.

Strong emphasis is given to students whose educational choice would permit them to be employed and/or reside in Mifflin County upon entering the work force.

Each high school may submit up to three candidates for each of the above scholarships, for a total of twelve candidates.

D. Submissions

All applications and material related to an applicant should be scanned to a single Adobe PDF or MS Word file, then emailed to mcesf@mcesf.org. The data file naming convention should include the applicant's first and last name. Only one file per student, please.

- **(Deadline is May 12, 2017 - 4pm)**

If you need to contact us via letter mail or phone:

Mifflin County Education and Scholarship Foundation
Attn: Incentives Committee
MCIDC Plaza - Building 50
6395 SR 103 N
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Questions to: Jeff Gum (717-242-0393 or mcesf@mcesf.org)

THE SCHOLARSHIP EXPLANATION AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE VIEWED AND DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE LOGON TO: WWW.MCESF.ORG, THEN SELECT "FORMS" FROM THE MENU.

MCESF - SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION - 2017

Applicant's Name _____

High School _____

Home Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Class Rank _____ GPA _____ SAT _____

School to be attended (if known) _____

Four-Year College _____ Two-Year College _____ (check one)

Major _____

Minor (if any) _____

Extra curricular activities:

In-school _____

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Out-of-school _____

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ESSAY (See enclosed instructions): **DO NOT FAIL TO ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION.**

Signatures:

Applicant _____ Date _____

School Counselor _____ Date _____

Principal _____ Date _____

MCESF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017

Essay Requirements

As part of this application, please include an essay of no more than two typed, double-spaced pages in answer to the following questions:

A successful college career for a student demands preparation and commitment by the student's professors and teachers – and by the student.

- *What are your goals in your college career, and why and how did they become your goals?*
- *What will you do, both before you get to college and while you are there, to achieve those goals?*

MIFFLIN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM – 2017

1. Name _____

   Address _____

   _____ Phone _____

2. High School Name _____

   Class Rank _____ GPA _____ SAT _____

   (ATTACH STUDENT TRANSCRIPT)

   Extra-curricular Activities _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

   _____

3. College Plans:

   Major _____

   ____ 4- year _____ 2-year

   College _____

4. Career goals following completion of degree work: _____

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5. Signatures:

Applicant _____ Date _____

School Counselor _____ Date _____

Principal _____ Date _____