

Date: March 23, 2009

To: High School Principals  
Guidance Counselors

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

Re: **MCESF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2009**

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 **April 30, 2009**.

**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](http://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 7, 2009**. 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. Six copies of each student's application for each scholarship **must be received at our office (see address below) on or before April 30, 2009**. Schools should not send us 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 be present at the review and selection meeting on May 7, 2009, to present their personal views of candidates' qualifications and answer committee questions. 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 on May 14, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the MCIDC meeting room. Please advise applicants accordingly.

## **C. Scholarships to Be Awarded:**

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

- a. Two scholarships of \$500 each for students enrolling in a four-year college program.
- b. Three scholarships of \$500 each for students enrolling in a two-year college program.
- c. One scholarship of \$500 each for students enrolling in the Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing.
- d. The James Oswalt Scholarship of \$ 1000 for a student enrolling in any college program.

Each school may submit up to three candidates for the scholarships described in each of a., b., and c., above, that is, a total of no more than nine 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. At least two, but not more than three, scholarships in the above total will be awarded to candidates from Indian Valley High School and to candidates from Lewistown Area High School.

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

- a. One \$500 scholarship for a student enrolling in a four-year college program.
- b. One \$500 scholarship for a student enrolling in 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.

3. David N. Delozier Scholarship. Mifflin County Industrial Development Corporation, recognizing the importance of education for future economic development and quality of life in Mifflin County, will award a \$1000 scholarship in memory of David N. Delozier, a valued MCIDC director and advisor. Candidates must be enrolling in a four-year college business-related program. The award will be paid in four annual installments of \$250, upon annual evidence of successful completion of academic requirements. Each high school may submit up to three candidates for this scholarship.

#### **D. Submissions**

**(Deadline is April 30, 2009)**

All applications should be sent to:

Mifflin County Education and Scholarship Foundation  
Attn: Incentives Committee  
MCIDC Plaza - Building 50  
6395 SR 103 N  
Lewistown, PA 17044

Questions to: Jeff Gum (717/242-0393 or [jeffgum@verizon.net](mailto:jeffgum@verizon.net))

**THE SCHOLARSHIP EXPLANATION AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE VIEWED AND DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE LOGON TO: [WWW.MCESF.ORG](http://WWW.MCESF.ORG), THEN SELECT "FORMS" FROM THE MENU.**