



## **The Steve Metheny Scholarship Foundation**

### **Application *(Revised 2017)***

The Steve Metheny Scholarship Foundation is meant provide financial awards to the Mid South Sign Association members' employees and/or their dependent children who are pursuing higher education. It is the desire of MSSA to promote excellence in our industry by encouraging the young, bright, and talented individuals related to MSSA to further their education.

Applications must be received no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

**Scholarships will be awarded** for vocational, undergraduate or graduate studies or an approved course of which will advance a professional career with an announcement during this year's MSSA SignConnexion. If a recipient is unable to attend SignConnexion, a check will be mailed to the home address listed on the application. The number of awards and amount granted each year may vary depending upon the number of qualified applications received.

### **Member Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Any company that is an active, participating member, in good standing of the Mid South Sign Association as described below:
  - a. A member company must have been a member of MSSA during the calendar year prior to scholarship application submission and membership dues must be current.
  - b. A representative of the MSSA member company must earn a minimum of 2 attendance credits during the calendar year prior to making a scholarship application. Attendance beyond 2 credits in no way influences the decision as to whether a scholarship is granted.
    - i. Scoring of the attendance:
      - a. 1 credit - Fall Meeting Attendance
      - b. 1 credit – Winter Meeting Attendance
      - c. 2 credits –SignConnexion / Annual Meeting Attendance
  - c. Manufacturer Representative’s attendance will qualify for the MSSA member company he or she represents.
  - d. Additional branches or company locations are considered separate companies that require separate MSSA membership and must meet participation requirements as described above in parts A and B.
2. Scholarship recipients must meet one of the following employment criteria:
  - a. Employed by a MSSA “member in good standing” as described above in section 1, employed for at least six months and work thirty hours per week.
  - b. Must be the dependent children of an employee of a MSSA member, in good standing as described above in Section 1.

### **Applicants of The Steve Metheny Scholarship Must:**

- Be an employee or dependent child as described above in section 1 and 2.
- Be a student who is or will be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate full-time (12 credit hours per semester or more, or 8 hours per quarter if school is on the quarter system) course of study at an accredited two or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school. Required, a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of applying and completed either the SAT or ACT examination.

***Or***

- Be a student enrolled in an approved course requiring at least 6 months and no more than 1.5 years of classroom instruction of which will advance their professional career and must have a GED or a high school diploma. Funding to be no more than cost of program with documentation required.

**The Scholarship Award is renewable** annually for up to three additional years. See page 6 for complete requirements.

Scholarship finalists are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership, and participation in school and community activities, work experience, industry potential, goals and aspirations and MSSA member participation. Selection will be made by the MSSA Scholarship Award Committee, who in conjunction with the MSSA Board of Directors, shall have the right to interpret, modify, or discontinue this Scholarship Award Program. All applicants agree to accept decisions made by the committee and Board of Directors as final. Applicants will be notified by mid-June. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Applicants may re-apply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements.

# The Steve Metheny Scholarship Application

**Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>,** APPLICATIONS **MUST** BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>,

**Notification of award acceptance / non-acceptance will be given by an e-mail message.**

**Please write legibly!**

Please check one of the following:

New applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

## I. Personal Data

Name		Date	
Permanent Address		Home Phone	
City	State	Zip	
E-Mail address		Cell Phone	
Social Security Number		Date of Birth	
MSSA Member Firm			
Name of parent or guardian employed by this firm			
College / University / Voc.Tech. School where you plan to attend:			
Desired Career		Expected Major	
Number of times you have received this scholarship #			

## II. Educational Record

Name of <b>Current Accredited Institute</b>	
City & State	
Graduation Expected Date	College GPA <u>on 4.0 scale</u>

**III. Financial Aid**

List all forms of financial aid you will receive, including existing scholarships that will carry over from the previous year. Attach additional pages if necessary.


**Financial Statement**

Estimated expenses for year for which you are applying:

Tuition \$	Books \$	Fees \$
Room \$	Board \$	Transportation \$

**IV. Leadership Capabilities**

List clubs and community organizations in which you have been a member or an office. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Club/Organization	Years of Membership	Office (s) Held

**V. Employment Information:**

Starting with your freshman year of **high school** list all summer, part time and /or full time jobs. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Employer	Starting/Ending	Type of Work

**VI. Activities and Special Recognition – Community**

List chronologically, beginning with your freshman year, activities **outside of school** in which you were involved; such as clubs (4H, scouts church, etc.), volunteer work (camp counselor, etc.), special interest groups (model railroad club, art association, etc.). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Academic Year	Activity	Number of hours/year

**VIII. Essay**

Your ability to express yourself well is an important part of the evaluation process. The scholarship essay provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate your ability to think analytically and creatively.

Use separate sheets and attach to application. Answer the following question in 250 words or less.

**New Applicants**

“What is your chosen career path and why is college/vocation education needed for your chosen career?”

**Renewal Applicants**

“Explain the importance of (your major) in today’s society.”

**Certification and Disclaimer**

I (we) indemnify the Mid-South Sign Association and hold it harmless from any loss, damage, claim of damage, or liability of expense arising out of, or resulting from, any aspect of this application or this Scholarship Award Program. I (we) agree that I (we) am/are aware of and understand all rules, conditions, instructions, and provisions regarding all aspects of this Scholarship Award Program. Furthermore, I (we) agree to accept the decision of the MSSA without debate.

I (we) agree that, in accepting this scholarship, I will attend an accredited college, university or institute and will maintain a full-time status for the academic year for which the award was given. **I (we) also agree that, if I withdraw or fail to meet attendance requirements for that academic year, I (we) will reimburse the Mid-South Sign Association for the total scholarship amount and will deem the recipient ineligible the following academic year.**

I (we) certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

**Applicant’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Parent/Guardian’s Signature is only required for applicants under the age of 18).**

All submitted forms, transcripts, essays, and information become the property of the Mid-South Sign Association and will not be returned to the applicant. Intentionally falsifying information will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any award.

**FOR NEW APPLICANTS**, the following forms **must** be included with this application:

1. Completed Application
2. **OFFICIAL** High School or most current college transcript or GED equivalent
3. Copy of SAT or ACT scores (if not on transcript), not required if a GED applicant
4. Official GPA (if not on transcript), not required if a GED applicant
5. Essay by applicant
6. Member company verification

**FOR RENEWAL APPLICANTS**, the following forms **must** be included with this application:

1. Completed Application
2. **OFFICIAL** Accredited Institute transcript reflecting last completed grading period.
3. **OFFICIAL** Accredited Institute GPA reflecting last completed grading period.
4. A cover letter requesting the renewal
5. Essay by applicant
6. Member company verification
7. Verification of current enrollment (if not on transcript).

**MSSA is not responsible for late or incomplete applications.** All submitted items and forms **must be received no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>** of application year. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Send completed application and all required materials to:

Mid South Sign Association  
720 Wildwood Trace  
Winchester, TN 37398

(901) 452-6444 or [Karen@midsouthsign.org](mailto:Karen@midsouthsign.org) (for questions only)

*Originals are needed, no scanned or emailed document will be accepted.*

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
OF MSSA MEMBER COMPANY**  
(Member company verification)

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, (a representative of member company)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (title) acknowledge that  
\_\_\_\_\_ (applicant or parent) is an employee of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (member MSSA company) and that  
\_\_\_\_\_ (applicant) is eligible as a recipient for this scholarship to the  
best of my knowledge as set forth in this application".

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of authorized school personnel)  
certify that \_\_\_\_\_ (student name) is currently enrolled at  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name of college / university)  
at \_\_\_\_\_ (location).

The above-named student is enrolled for \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

The above-named student's current GPA is \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcript is enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Official Transcript will be sent directly to MSSA from the school

Mail Transcript to:

Mid South Sign Association  
720 Wildwood Trace  
Winchester, TN 37398