

Supplement: Competitive Scholarship Application

Students interested in being considered for competitive merit scholarships at the University of Minnesota, Morris must complete this supplemental form and essay. To be eligible for consideration, students must submit a completed Application for Admission, and complete this Competitive Scholarship Application postmarked by **December 15** to: Office of Admissions, University of Minnesota, Morris, 600 East Fourth Street, Morris, MN 56267-2132.

Competitive Merit Scholar Awards: Due December 15

First-year students with an outstanding academic and leadership record are invited to compete for the Prairie Scholars Award and Morris Scholars Award. Although there are no minimum qualifications, recipients are typically selected from the top 10 percent of their senior class and have achieved an above-average standardized test score (ACT or SAT Reasoning). To be eligible for consideration, students must be permanent residents of the U.S., accepted to Morris, and submit their scholarship essay by the December 15 deadline. Recipients for these prestigious awards will be selected through an on-campus competition in early February.

Prairie Scholars Award

Amount: Full tuition scholarship; renewable for up to four years.

Morris Scholars Award

Amount: A \$20,000 scholarship – \$5,000 per year – renewable for up to four years plus a one-time \$2,500 scholarly stipend. The stipend may be used during the second, third or fourth year at Morris to engage in an eligible scholarly experience (e.g., to study abroad, to participate in a research or artistic project or to travel to academic conferences).

Essay

On a separate sheet, write an essay (minimum 500 words) on one of the following topics:

- How are you going to make your mark at Morris? Think big, be creative, and keep in mind that Morris prides itself on being a diverse, internationalized campus in a rural setting.
- At Morris, students have the opportunity to work with faculty on research and artistic projects. How will you use this opportunity at Morris to pursue your research and other interests?

Other Academic Scholarships

You will be considered for most of the University's competitive scholarships based on a review of your Application for Admission and competitive scholarships. Some of these scholarships, funded by private donation, give preference to students who display strong academic performance and who meet certain criteria, some of which may already be reflected in your application materials and some of which are listed below. To see a complete listing of available scholarships, eligibility criteria, and any additional application procedures, please visit morris.umn.edu/prospective/scholarships/

Please indicate whether you meet any of the following scholarship criteria:

- I have an agricultural and/or rural background.
- I wish to live and work in a rural community in the future.
- I have been active in community, church, and/or extra-curricular activities.
- I have held an officer position and have participated in volunteer or service-oriented roles.
- I am, or my family is, a Bank of the West customer.
- I am, or my family is, an Otter Tail Power Company customer.

I understand that, in accepting a scholarship from the University of Minnesota, Morris, I give you permission to announce my receipt of this scholarship in newspapers, college brochures, newsletters, web site, and other publications. The information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of future scholarship funds and repayment of previously awarded funds may be required.

Print Applicant's Name: _____ High School Name _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Scholarships awarded at the University of Minnesota, Morris cannot be transferred to other campuses of the University of Minnesota. Renewable scholarships are awarded on a per semester basis and renewed based on continuous enrollment at Morris and maintenance of the required grade point average. Students who have been awarded an Automatic Academic Scholarship (Chancellor's, Dean's or Associate's Scholarship) and are selected for the Prairie or Morris Scholars Award will have their Automatic Academic Scholarship replaced with the larger Prairie or Morris Scholars Award.