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2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

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Dear High School Senior:

In support of the educational pursuits of the students of Mapleton Public Schools, the Mapleton Education Foundation dedicates a portion of its resources to scholarship programs benefiting District graduates.

The Mapleton Education Foundation is pleased to announce that it will be able to provide more than \$50,000 in scholarship support through 40 scholarship opportunities ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000. The Foundation's scholarships will be awarded in April 2010 for use in the 2010-2011 academic year.

The enclosed application packet describes the available scholarship opportunities. Each scholarship has its own eligibility criteria and application requirements, which are detailed in the enclosed packet. Please note that all finalists will be expected to participate in an interview process in March. This packet is available to view online at <http://mef.mapleton.us> (go to "Programs" and look for the link to "Apply for 2010 Scholarships").

Applications are due on **Thursday, March 11, 2010, by 4 p.m.** and must be turned in to the MEF office located in the Welcome Center on the Skyview Main Campus. Additional deadlines may be set by your individual post secondary coaches.

You may apply for as many scholarships as you wish, provided that you meet the eligibility criteria. However, to ensure that as many students as possible receive scholarship support; only one Foundation scholarship will be awarded per applicant.

Please review the enclosed packet carefully. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact your counselor/advisor or call the Foundation at 303-853-1008. Please consider applying! We look forward to seeing your application.

Sincerely,

Channing Ciocchetti-Puchino
Executive Director

The Mapleton Education Foundation is a diverse group of passionate individuals dedicated to supporting the efforts of Mapleton Public Schools. Our purpose is to provide every student with access to opportunities and resources to achieve his or her potential, through a commitment to: 1) Improving access to post-secondary education, 2) Encouraging innovation and creativity in the classroom, 3) Helping students participate in district activities and programs, 4) Engaging the local and extended communities to address the need and recognize the achievements of Mapleton students.

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LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

Amounts: \$1,000 – 2,000 (details below)

Number available: 40

The following scholarships are awarded under the **Legacy Scholarship Program**. Applicants for this program will be considered for the following five scholarships:

Thomas J. Fuselier Scholarship	1 award \$2,000 (one year)
Legacy Scholarship	40 awards \$1,000 each (one year)
Legacy Transition Scholarship	up to 5 awarded \$1,000 (one year)

(The Legacy Transition Scholarship is reserved for a student in The Special Services Transition program.)

Description: The Legacy Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program that provides graduating seniors of Mapleton Public Schools with financial support to further their educational and personal goals beyond high school. The Legacy Scholarship Program celebrates the uniqueness and potential of Mapleton's students by helping each and every promising recipient to achieve his or her dreams and contribute enthusiastically to his or her community and world. Applicants to the Legacy Scholarship Program will be considered for all available scholarships under the Legacy Scholarship Program. Scholarship amounts range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Recipients of one-year scholarships may have an opportunity to apply for additional funds the following year. At least one award may be reserved for a Legacy Transition Scholarship, pending applications received in that category. Legacy Scholarships requiring additional application components are detailed below.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a resident of Colorado and attend Mapleton Public Schools.
Applicant must be eligible for and planning to attend an accredited college or university or other post-secondary educational institution in the next academic year.

Requirements:

Submit application form and all common application requirements (see application checklist).

Finalists for this scholarship will be required to participate in an interview process.

Additional Requirement: Submit a one-page (maximum) statement on how receiving a Mapleton Education Foundation Legacy Scholarship will help you achieve your dreams and contribute enthusiastically to your community and world.

LEGACY TRANSITION SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000 (*under Legacy Scholarship Program*)

Number available: 1

Description: The Legacy Transition Scholarship is a competitive scholarship awarded to a Mapleton student with special or significant needs who intends to continue his or her education beyond the transition or high school program in which he or she is currently enrolled. The Legacy Transition Scholarship will provide much needed financial support for eligible applicants to attend innovative accredited programs beyond the Mapleton system that provide education and training to prepare these individuals to become independent, productive contributors to their communities.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a resident of Colorado and attend Mapleton Public Schools.

Applicant must be eligible for and planning to attend an accredited college or university or other post-secondary educational institution in the next academic year.

Applicant must be identified by the Mapleton Public Schools Special Services Department as qualifying for the Legacy Transition Scholarship.

Requirements:

NOTE: The Legacy Transition Scholarship application form and requirements will be distributed through the district Special Services Program. Students must be identified by Special Services as being eligible for this scholarship award.

BACK ON TRACK SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$4,000 (\$2,000/year for 2 years)

Number available: 1

Description: The Back on Track Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program that provides graduating seniors with financial support to further their educational and personal goals beyond high school. Sponsored by Time to Change Community Corrections Program, the Back on Track Scholarship Program seeks to make a difference in the lives of scholarship recipients who have faced or are facing difficult challenges or circumstances (for example, students or students of families struggling with substance abuse, incarceration, probation, etc.). Priority consideration will be given to those applicants who have demonstrated perseverance and motivation in coping with adversity and shaping a positive vision for their future. Academic performance is NOT a consideration.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a resident of Colorado and attend Mapleton Public Schools. Applicant must be eligible for and planning to attend an accredited college or university, trade school, training program or other post-secondary educational or vocational institution in the next academic year. Applicant must be able to describe how he or she has faced adversity and has demonstrated perseverance and motivation in overcoming adversity to create a positive vision for the future.

Requirements:

Submit application form and all common application requirements (see application checklist).

Finalists for this scholarship will be required to participate in an interview process.

Additional Requirement: Submit a two-page (maximum) written statement OR a video statement (4 minute maximum) describing how you have faced and coped with adversity, what you learned, your vision for where you want to be in the future and how this scholarship will assist you in getting there.

Applicants choosing to submit a video statement may also elect to include their financial statement (from common application requirements) in the video statement. All other common application requirements remain the same.

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JOHN G. BYRD SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000 (one year)

Number available: 2

Description: The John J. Byrd Athletic Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program honoring former teacher and Coach John Byrd. The John G. Byrd Athletic Scholarship provides financial support to graduating Mapleton student athletes.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a resident of Colorado and attend Mapleton Public Schools.
Applicant must be eligible for and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the next academic year.
Applicant must be a Mapleton student athlete.

Requirements:

Submit application form and all common application requirements (see application checklist).
Finalists for this scholarship will be required to participate in an interview process.

Additional Requirement: Submit a one-page (maximum) statement on how athletics has affected/changed your life and how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.

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REGINA E. MATNEY TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,500 (one year)

Number available: 1

Description: The Regina E. Matney Teaching Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program honoring the teaching career of Regina E. Matney, a former teacher at Valley View Elementary School. Mrs. Matney's love of teaching and her tireless commitment to elementary education and music education left an indelible mark on her students, colleagues and others whose lives she touched in her years in Mapleton. The Regina E. Matney Teaching Scholarship provides financial support to a graduating Mapleton student planning to enter a career in teaching.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a resident of Colorado and attend Mapleton Public Schools.

Applicant must be eligible for and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the next academic year.

Applicant must be planning to enter the teaching profession.

Requirements:

Submit application form and all common application requirements (see application checklist).

Finalists for this scholarship will be required to participate in an interview process.

Additional Requirement: Submit a one-page (maximum) statement why you are interested in a career in teaching, what you hope to accomplish and how this scholarship will assist you in achieving your goal(s).

THE AUGUSTINE & TRINIDAD SANCHEZ TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000 (one year)

Number available: 1

Description: The Augustine & Trinidad Sanchez Teaching Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program honoring the lives of Augustine & Trinidad Sanchez and their commitment to hard work and education. The Augustine & Trinidad Sanchez Teaching Scholarship provides financial support to a graduating Mapleton student of Mexican or Mexican-American heritage who is planning to enter a career in teaching. Preference will be given to those students demonstrating financial need.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

Applicant must be a resident of Colorado and attend Mapleton Public Schools.

Applicant must be eligible for and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the next academic year.

Applicant must be planning to enter the teaching profession.

Applicant must be of Mexican or Mexican-American heritage.

Requirements:

Submit application form and all common application requirements (see application checklist).

Finalists for this scholarship will be required to participate in an interview process.

Additional Requirement: Submit a one-page (maximum) statement why you are interested in a career in teaching, what you hope to accomplish and how this scholarship will assist you in achieving your goal(s).

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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY “ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS” SCHOLARSHIP

Amount: \$1,000 (one year)

Number available: 1

Description: The Global Leadership Academy Scholarship Program is a competitive scholarship program for any graduating senior from Global Leadership Academy planning to attend an accredited college, university or apprenticeship program in the next academic year. Scholarship monies awarded may go toward tuition, books, or other college/career related expenses.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a graduating senior from Global Leadership Academy.

Applicant must be eligible for and planning to attend an accredited college/ university or apprenticeship program in the next academic year.

Requirements:

Submit application form and all common application requirements (see application checklist).

Finalists for this scholarship will be required to participate in an interview process comprised of 2 GLA staff and 2 external individuals.

Additional Requirement: Submit a one-page (maximum) statement on how Global Leadership Academy has influenced your personal and/or academic growth.

The recipient of the GLA Scholarship will be expected to make every attempt possible to participate in the interview process the following year to select the next GLA Scholar.

Applicant Requirement Checklist

Applicants should use this checklist to make sure that all instructions are followed and that application packets are complete. This checklist does not need to be turned in.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- I meet the eligibility criteria for the specific scholarship or scholarships for which I wish to be considered. (See scholarship descriptions for eligibility criteria.)

COMMON APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant **MUST** submit in one complete packet the following information:

- Completed, typed and signed** application, including all requested attachments. Please make sure your name appears on ALL application components.
- Resume. Submit the resume prepared for College Summit. Include volunteerism, community service, work history, honors and awards, etc.
- Personal statement. Submit the personal statement prepared for College Summit.
- Prepare a brief (not to exceed one page) financial statement outlining estimated annual program costs and a description of any special circumstances affecting finances that would help us in assessing your needs. Also include any scholarships you have already received.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation:
 - One from a school or district employee
 - One from a community member who is **not** a school or district employee
- Most current official grade transcript, including SAT or ACT scores.
- Current photograph of applicant attached to application packet

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Additional scholarship-specific requirements for the scholarship(s) for which the applicant wishes to be considered. (See scholarship descriptions for additional requirements).
- Finalists will be required to participate in an interview in March. Scholarships will be awarded in April 2010.

DEADLINE

- Applications are due to Mapleton Education Foundation Office located on the Skyview Main Campus by **Thursday, March 11, 2010 no later than 4:00 p.m.**

SCHOLARSHIP PREFERENCES

I wish to be considered for the following scholarship(s):

- Legacy Scholarship Program* *(includes all legacy scholarships that do not have additional requirements for eligibility: Legacy, Fuselier & Legacy Transition)*
- John G. Byrd Scholarship
- Legacy Transition Scholarship
- Global Leadership Academy "Achieve Your Dreams" Scholarship
- Back on Track Scholarship sponsored by Time to Change
- Augustine & Trinidad Sanchez Teaching Scholarship
- Regina E. Matney Teaching Scholarship

*Legacy Transition Scholarship applicants must be identified by Mapleton Public Schools Special Services. Information and applications for these scholarships is available only through Mapleton Public Schools Special Services.

Please carefully review the eligibility and application requirements for each scholarship/scholarship program as they differ. All applicants must submit the common application requirements (only one set of the common application requirements is required, even if you are applying for more than one scholarship). Applicants must also submit scholarship-specific requirements as indicated in the scholarship descriptions.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I have read and meet the eligibility requirements of the scholarship or scholarships for which I am applying and that the information provided in this application, including supplemental materials, is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that this application becomes the property of the Mapleton Education Foundation. I further understand that my name/photo may be published if I am selected as a scholarship recipient. (Please contact the Foundation at 303-853-1008 if you have questions or concerns regarding publication of name/photo.)

Signature of Applicant

Print Name

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Counselor/Advisor

Date

Success Tips for Applicants

While every scholarship offered by the Foundation has its own specific eligibility criteria and application requirements, there are things that you can do as an applicant for any scholarship program to make sure that you submit your strongest application. Here are a few things to keep in mind.

- ✓ **Follow instructions!** It is amazing how many applicants lose points (or are completely disqualified) just because they didn't follow instructions. Don't make that mistake! Read instructions carefully and if you have questions – ask!
- ✓ **Care about the overall presentation.** Strong applications follow all of the instructions, are typed and have been carefully proofed. Your application should be clean, neat, and well presented. First impressions count. Take the time to put your best foot forward!
- ✓ **Proof, proof, proof.** Don't just submit your first draft. Put it away for a day and read it again. Spell check doesn't do it all. Have someone else read over your application before you turn it in. Don't let typos and grammatical errors distract the reviewer from what you're trying to say.
- ✓ **Tell your story.** Make sure that the written materials that you submit – your personal statement and any scholarship essays – are well written, thoughtful, focused and clear. Make sure that you address what is being asked of you – and give examples to support what you are saying. This is your chance to shine as an individual and to tell your own individual story. What makes you unique and special? And don't forget to proof your writing!
- ✓ **It's not all about the grades.** Your academic history is only a part of what is taken into consideration. What is important to you? How do you spend your time? Do you work, volunteer, play sports, sing, dance or participate in clubs or other activities? Do you help out at home or are you active in something outside of school? Are you a leader? Have you won anything? What are you committed to? Use your resume and your written statements to tell the bigger picture.
- ✓ **Turn in your application on time!** You've got weeks to prepare. Don't wait until the last minute. It shows.
- ✓ **Be confident!** Everyone has a shot at a scholarship. It's up to you to present yourself in the best possible light. Take the time to prepare your application. Pick people for your letters of recommendation who really know you and can speak to your strengths. Your application is your time to shine. Take advantage of the opportunity!

Good luck!!!

SAMPLE: MEF LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SCORING RUBRIC

The following rubric, used by the scholarship committee to review your application, can help you prepare the strongest possible application. While it is specific to the Legacy Scholarship Program, all of the Foundation's scholarships are reviewed using similar scoring rubrics.

REVIEW CRITERIA	SCORE				POINTS
	4	3	2	1	
Presentation	Application packet is complete, organized and well presented. Instructions were followed and application materials are typed, proofed and clear.	Application packet is complete. Instructions were followed. Information and materials might have been organized more carefully, with greater attention to proofing and clarity.	Application packet is complete. Instructions were followed, but information and materials were poorly organized and do not appear to have been proofed.	Application is incomplete and disorganized. Application instructions were not followed.	
Personal Statement	Personal statement is well written, thoughtful & focused. It highlights a single, unique aspect of the applicant's life and experience that is important to the applicant. It engages the reader and provides an authentic and memorable insight into the applicant's personality, character and strengths.	Personal statement is well written & thoughtful, but could have been more focused or more in-depth. It highlights one or more aspects of the applicant's life and experience that is important to the applicant. It provides insight into the applicant's personality, character and strengths.	Personal statement is not as well written or as focused as it might have been. Applicant might have put more thought and effort into identifying an aspect of his or her life and experience that is unique or important to the applicant. It provides some insight into the applicant's personality, character and strengths.	Personal statement is poorly written & lacks effort and focus. It does not highlight any aspect of the applicant's life and experience that is unique or important to the applicant. It does not provide insight into the applicant's personality, character and strengths.	
Impact Statement on Receipt of the MEF Legacy Scholarship	Impact statement clearly and passionately describes the dream that the applicant hopes to achieve and how the MEF scholarship can assist him or her in achieving that dream. The applicant also explains how the MEF scholarship will enable him or her to contribute to his or her community and world. Several examples are given.	Impact statement clearly describes the dream that the applicant hopes to achieve and how the MEF scholarship can assist him or her in achieving that dream. The applicant also explains how the MEF scholarship will enable him or her to contribute to his or her community and world. At least one example is given.	Impact statement addresses some of the information requested (i.e. applicant describes his or her dream; how the MEF scholarship can assist him or her in achieving that dream; how receipt of the MEF scholarship will enable applicant to contribute to his or her community and world), but not all.	Impact statement does not address the information requested. The applicant does not describe the dream that he or she hopes to achieve or the impact of the MEF scholarship on achieving that dream, nor does the applicant describe how the MEF scholarship will enable him or her to contribute to his or her community and world.	
Activities Outside of the Classroom Environment*	Applicant demonstrates a deep and sustained commitment to one or more activities outside of the classroom environment. Applicant has held a leadership position and/or has been the recipient of honors or awards.	Applicant demonstrates a deep and sustained commitment to one or more activities outside of the classroom environment.	Applicant demonstrates a commitment to at least one activity outside of the classroom environment.	Applicant involvement in activities outside of the classroom environment is not represented or is sporadic. Applicant does not demonstrate a deep or sustained commitment to any activities.	
Academic Performance	4.0 GPA	3.0 – 3.9 GPA	2.0 – 2.9 GPA	GPA less than 2.0	
TOTAL POINTS					

*Activities Outside of the Classroom Environment may include one or more of the following: involvement in clubs, sports, church or community organizations, community service, work experience, etc. Intentionally broad, this category is intended to capture a wide range of non-academic activities, which may include those within and outside of the school environment.