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TMSDC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

2025 Scholarship Application

Student Name: _____

Name of High School: _____

Application Due: March 31, 2025

**TMSDC Education Foundation
220 Athens Way, Suite 105
Plaza 1 Building, Metro Center
Nashville, Tennessee 37228**

TMSDC Education Foundation Scholarship Process

TMSDC Education Foundation: The purpose is to provide financial support to at risk high school students to continue their education beyond high school. In addition to the academic profile of the student, particular attention is given to the student's family income. The intended mission of the foundation is to assist students **who demonstrate financial need!!**

Who is TMSDC?

The TriState Minority Supplier Development Council (TMSDC) is a non-profit economic development organization which encourages the purchase of goods and services from certified minority businesses. The Council is one of 23 affiliates of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (located in New York, NY). The network includes 1,600 corporations, and 16,000 certified minority businesses. The headquarters of the TriState Council is located in the Metro Center area at 220 Athens Way, Suite 105, Nashville, TN 37228. The TriState Council includes three states- Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

******Cheri Henderson** is the President & CEO of the TriState Minority Supplier Development Council.

The Scholarship Application Packet

The complete scholarship packet must include the following:

- **-Scholarship Application**
- **-Scholarship Agreement**
- **-Answers to the (12) questions. Your answers should be well thought out and concise.**
- **-Camera ready headshot**
- **-Autobiography**
- **-Recommendations from School Counselor and Academic Teacher**
- **-High School Transcript (ACT or SAT test score)**

Order of Packet:

1. Cover page (with headshot top right corner)
2. Scholarship Application (Signed by student and parent)
3. Scholarship Agreement (Signed by student and parent)
4. Autobiography
5. Questions (Answers to each question are to be on separate pages)
6. Counselor Recommendation (MUST be on high school letterhead)
7. Teacher Recommendation (MUST be on high school letterhead)
8. Student Transcript (with test scores)
9. Parental financial information (W-2 form, etc.)

Student Interview: The interview is an opportunity for the panel to get to know candidates better. The panel of judges from various organizations/corporations will interview the scholarship finalists. Candidates chosen will be notified of the interview dates and time. Students are selected on the basis of: Financial need, presentation/content of answers, and the interview.

If chosen to receive a scholarship, funds are sent directly to the student's account at the university for **TUITION** only!!!! (Scholarships are not for books, housing, etc.) The recipient must maintain a 2.5 grade point average to remain eligible to receive funds. **No exception.**

Scholarship Winners will be announced during the Impact Awards Gala (Thursday, May 1st, 2025).

TMSDC Education Foundation SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT (MUST BE TYPE WRITTEN)
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Student's Name: _____

Last First Middle

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Place of Employment: _____ **How long?** _____

Social Security #: _____

College/University: _____

Proposed Major: _____ **Career Interest** _____

- I. The scholarship funds are to assist with the cost of tuition for post-secondary education only.**
- II. You must be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary school by fall of 2025 to receive the scholarship funds.**
- III. Checks will be written and mailed directly to the school, upon receipt of enrollment notice indicating tuition amount. Checks are not be made payable to students or guardians directly for reimbursement.**
- IV. In order to continue to receive scholarship funds, you must be enrolled each consecutive semester as a full-time student. Failure to enroll officially will automatically disqualify you for the remainder of the scholarship balance. This does not include summer enrollment.**
- V. Checks will be mailed from the office of the TMSDC Education Foundation. Please allow at least five days for checks to be processed. Questions should be directed to:**

TMSDC Education Foundation, Inc.
220 Athens Way, Suite 105
Nashville, Tennessee 37228
Phone: (615) 726-0586
Fax: (615) 259-9480
Website: www.tmsdc.net

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- VI. You must maintain a 2.5 GPA (cumulative) or above to receive scholarship funds. A copy of your grades must be delivered to the TMSDC Education Foundation at the beginning or end of each semester before checks for the following semester will be issued. If you pre-register for classes, payment may be due before your grades are issued. Therefore, if you decide to pay for your classes, we cannot reimburse you. All checks will be issued directly to the college or university of your choice.**
- VII. If you transfer to another college/university, you are responsible to provide written notification to the TMSDC Education Foundation in advance of any payments. Failure to submit notification will automatically forfeit the remainder of the scholarship balance.**
- VIII. It is your responsibility to contact the TMSDC Education Foundation Office at the end and beginning of each semester.**
- IX. Only one (1) check for tuition will be written per semester.**
- X. When your scholarship funds have been depleted, you will receive a written notice indicating completion of the scholarship award. If you fail to meet the criteria (maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or above and full-time student status) you and your parent or guardian will receive a written notice that the scholarship has been forfeited.**

ACCEPTANCE: I/We agree to the terms set forth in this Scholarship Agreement.

Parent or Guardian

Date

Student's Signature

Date

**TMSDC EDUCATION FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATA**

Please answer the following questions within the space provided. Your answers must be typewritten. Your parent/guardian and counselor must sign.

Student Name Mr. /Miss _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number Work (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Home (_____) _____ Email _____

Current Grade Point Average _____
(Must be at least a 2.8/4.0 scale)

ACT Score _____
(Minimum 19 composite score)

SAT Score _____
(Minimum 1000 combined score)

Have you applied for any type of financial assistance?

☐ Yes ☐ No If not, explain.

Have you been awarded any type of financial assistance? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please list the source(s) and amount(s) of financial aid received:

Source: _____ Amount awarded: \$ _____

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Source: _____ Amount awarded: \$ _____

Field of Study (Major) _____

Name of college you plan to attend _____

Applied: ☐ Yes ☐ No Accepted: ☐ Yes ☐ No

*School Activities: _____

*Community Activities: _____

*Volunteer or work experience: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (Home) (_____) _____

Telephone Number (Work) (_____) _____

Telephone Number (Cell) (_____) _____

Email: _____

**=Include Office(s) and/or positions(s) held and award(s) and /or recognition(s) received. You may attach additional sheets.*

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1.) Number in household _____ Number in college _____

- **Parent(s) or Guardian(s)** _____

- **Sister(s)**** _____
(Please include names and ages)

- **Brother(s)**** _____
(Please include names and ages)

2.) Parent's Employment Information (Name of Employer)

Name: _____ **Employer:** _____ **How long?** _____

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Annual Household Income \$ _____
(Provide "Adjusted Gross Income" filed/to be filed for 2024 Federal Income Tax)

***This information is required to assess the financial need of each applicant. Please complete this section. If you are a dependent student, you must have your parents provide information. If federal income taxes for 2024 year have not been filed, you must provide the W-2 form. Information will be treated as CONFIDENTIAL, and used only for the purpose of applicant evaluation by the scholarship committee.**

If your parent received public assistance, provide documentation of current status. Applications submitted without this information will not be considered.

☐ I certify that all information given in this application is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of School Counselor	Date
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Signature of TMSDC Representative	Date
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***Required financial information.**

****Attach a separate sheet, if necessary**

TMSDC Education Foundation 2025 Scholarship Application Questions

It is the intent of the Scholarship Committee to get to know you better as an applicant. Therefore, a **two-page autobiography** must accompany the following questions. Please answer the questions completely. **Your answers must be typewritten on separate sheets of paper.** In answering questions and composing essays, be sure to use proper grammar and punctuation.

1. Why should you be chosen to receive the TMSDC scholarship? (150 words)
 - *What are your goals and aspirations?*
 - *Describe your family and how they have influenced you.*
 - *State any special personal or family circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance.*
2. What is your chosen career? Explain what inspired you to choose this particular career path.
3. Describe what you have done to make your community a better place. Give examples of specific projects.
4. What are your strengths and how will you use them to support your career choice?
5. Tell us about a challenge that you overcame. What did you learn about yourself from the experience?
6. Name the best book you read the past year. What did you gain from reading it?
7. What do you envision yourself doing in 10 years?
8. What has been your greatest achievement in high school?
9. What is your college choice? In what ways will you contribute to your college experience?
10. How important is a college education to you? Please elaborate.
11. What does TMSDC stand for?
 - a. What does the organization do?
 - b. How many corporations are members of the organization?
 - c. How many MBEs are certified with the organization?
 - d. Visit www.tmsdc.net
12. What is the purpose of the TMSDC Education Foundation?
 - a. Where are the scholarships presented?
 - b. When and where will the Impact Awards Gala be held this year?
 - c. Visit www.tmsdceducationfoundation.org