



# 2021 MSBA Student School Board Member Scholarship

## TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP

1. Your school board must be a member of MSBA.
2. You must be a high school senior graduating after the spring 2021 semester.
3. Your service as a school board member must be during your senior year.
4. You will be a full-time college student in fall 2021.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS — Please read carefully

1. Fill out application form. (Only typed applications will be accepted.) Send application form, brief essay and letters of recommendation (see below) **ALL TOGETHER** to MSBA via one of following three methods:
  - **MAIL** — MSBA Student School Board Scholarship, 1900 West Jefferson Avenue, St. Peter, MN 56082-3015 (mailed entries **MUST** be **postmarked by Saturday, March 13, 2021**).
  - **EMAIL** — Send materials in PDF format to Greg Abbott at [gabbott@mmsba.org](mailto:gabbott@mmsba.org) by **noon Monday, March 15, 2021**.
  - **FAX** — Send **c/o Greg Abbott** at 507-931-1515 by **noon Monday, March 15, 2021**.

## Part I: BASIC INFORMATION

Full name

Address

Phone

Email

Name of high school

Number of years on school board

Are you a senior in high school?

School district

## Part II: ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVEMENT

List your **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, ACADEMIC HONORS** and **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** from 10th-grade to 12th-grade on **ONE page**.

(Your list must be typed in 12-point type.)

**Please turn to the other side for additional application requirements.**



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## Part III: ONE-PAGE ESSAY

Please answer the following questions on **ONE** typed, single-sided sheet of paper:

“What experience and knowledge have you gained from your time as a student school board member?”

“What have you contributed to help your board or your school as a student school board member?”

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## Part IV: Obtain TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

ONE from an elected school board member and ONE from the superintendent or a school district employee. Both recommendations should reflect on **your service with the school board and what you contributed to improve your schools.**

**Please give your board member and superintendent (or school district employee) the following writing prompts for your recommendations.**

### With this recommendation:

- Write about how the student helped give insight to the board on an issue and give an example on how that insight helped the board reach a better decision.
- Write about what the student has done to help the board or the school district to promote student achievement.
- Did the student participate in a specific project to help the board -- such as a superintendent search, a referenda committee, or any other committee? How was their input valuable?
- Please do not simply list all the activities the student has been involved in. The student's involvement is already listed in a separate part of this application. We want to hear how the student has helped the board and the school district.
- Please send your recommendation back to the student before the March 15 deadline so that the application can be assembled and submitted on time.