

James E. Westbury Memorial Board of Education Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

Applications are due Friday, Jan. 11, 2019



The SSD Board of Education is committed to helping all SSD students achieve success, no matter how they individually define that success. We have received donations and set aside money for scholarships to help students who have demonstrated both the ability to work for and achieve a worthy goal and have the desire to achieve more.

The Award:

The Board will award two \$1,000 scholarships to students who qualify and are graduating high school seniors. The funds will be paid directly to the student's chosen educational institution or support program.

Eligibility:

All students served by SSD in any capacity are eligible for the scholarship, including those attending North or South Technical high schools.

Application:

The SSD Board of Education Scholarship application consists of a student information form, one essay from the student, a résumé of the student's extracurricular activities and any awards received, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher, staff member, coach or community member who knows the student well.

Selection:

The Scholarship recipients will be selected by the SSD Board of Education and awarded to the students who best demonstrate the ability to define a goal and are preparing to achieve that goal. Winners will be invited to the **Commitment to Kids Banquet on April 4, 2019.**

Submission:

Please read all of the instructions carefully. Begin planning your application as soon as possible so that you do not miss the deadline. Verify your application with the checklist on the last page of this form to make sure everything is in order and submit your application to:

Special School District
Attn: Communications Department
12110 Clayton Road
Town & Country, MO 63131
or email it to: wbuchek@ssdmo.org

If you need assistance with the process, please contact Wes Buchek at wbuchek@ssdmo.org, 314.989.8102, or Board Secretary Amy Doyle at 314.989.8419.

Deadline:

Completed applications must be received **on or before Jan. 11, 2019.** Applications that are incomplete or turned in after the deadline will be disqualified.

Note:

It is strongly recommended that all of the application pieces be submitted together so that the application is complete when it is received.

The James E. Westbury Memorial Board of Education Scholarship is sponsored by Thomeczek & Brink, LLC.

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PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Student Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current E-mail: (required) _____

Service(s) Applicant Receives from SSD: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

For electronic submissions, in lieu of a signature, by checking box you verify all above information is accurate.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from applicant): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is a minor): _____ Date: _____

For electronic submissions, in lieu of a signature, by checking box you verify all above information is accurate.

High School: _____ District: _____

Teacher/Sponsor Name(optional): _____ Teacher/Sponsor E-mail: _____

Teacher/Sponsor Home Address: (#/street/city/st/zip) _____

Teacher/Sponsor School Address: (#/street/city/st/zip) _____

Teacher/Sponsor Phone: _____ Teacher/Sponsor Signature: _____

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College/Educational Institution/Support Program Applicant Plans to Attend: _____

City/State: _____

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PART II - APPLICANT ESSAY

Provide an essay on the topic: "My goals and how I plan to reach them."

*Essay must be typed; 300 words or less.

*Essay may be attached as a separate document.

*Assistance may be given to those whose IEP indicates the need for it.

*Access to a computer with appropriate computer programs and a printer must be provided to all applicants by SSD staff.

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PART III - Résumé

Your résumé should include your education, work experience (if any), volunteer work, activities in which you have participated and awards you have received.

**You may type out your résumé below, or attach it separately to the final application packet.*

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PART IV - Letter of Recommendation

A letter of recommendation must be included with each scholarship application. Letters of recommendation may be written by a teacher, staff member, coach or community member that knows the student well.

The letter of recommendation should tell the Board why he or she believes the student is qualified to be selected as a recipient of the SSD Board Scholarship. Please limit the letters to 300 words maximum.

The letter of recommendation may be typed out below, attached separately to the application, or submitted separately. If the letter will be submitted separately, please include information below about who will be sending it.

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
PERMISSION FORM – TO PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Occasionally media may come to SSD classrooms and buildings to report on newsworthy programs and events involving our staff and students. In addition, SSD’s Communications Department may photograph and/or videotape other students and share these stories with SSD staff and families through the District’s newsletter, Web site or other publications, including social media. The information may include images and identifying information of students, educators and community partners on its Web site, and in its print and electronic publications. Parent/guardian permission is needed for SSD to use images of students under the age of 18; individual permission is needed for those students 18 years of age and older.

As parent and/or legal guardian of _____, I hereby grant permission to the SSD and news media to photograph, tape record or videotape my child or myself and to use this photograph, voice or video recording in publications, slides, video tapes, motion pictures, newsletters, newspapers, education Web sites, news Web sites and social media. I understand that the resulting photographs, stills, slides, videotapes, motion pictures and audio tapes may be published for the purpose of instruction or informing staff, students, parents or the general public about District / school programs or events. Reasonable adjustments may be made to images, materials and formats for purposes of editorial, layout and delivery.

YES NO

As parent and/or legal guardian of _____, I hereby grant permission to the SSD and news media to use my child’s name and biographical information in stories involving District / school programs or events. I understand that this information may be used in publications, television or radio broadcasts, newsletters, newspapers, education Web sites, news web sites and social media for the purpose of instruction or informing staff, students, parents or the general public about District / school programs or events.

YES NO

As parent and/or legal guardian of _____, I hereby grant permission for my child to be photographed by _____ Special School District _____ on _____ 4/4/19 _____ while my child is attending/participating in _____ Commitment to Kids Banquet _____.

YES NO

SCHOOL OR ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

School or Organization: _____

School District (If Applicable): _____

Teacher’s Name (If Applicable): _____

PARENT/INDIVIDUAL SIGNATURE

Student’s name (please print): _____

Student’s date of birth: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

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PART V - CHECKLIST

Please be sure you have included all of these items:

- Part I - Applicant Information
- Part II - Applicant Essay
- Part III - Résumé
- Part IV - Letter of recommendation or who will be submitting the letter of recommendation.
- Permission Form

**The SSD Communications Department will be highlighting the scholarship winners on the District's website and social media platforms. If you are selected as a winner, please be prepared to share a photo for the District to use for this purpose.*

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How did you hear about this scholarship?

- SSD website (www.ssdmo.org)
- SSD's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SSDStLCo)
- SSD's Twitter account (@SSDStLCo)
- Special Edition (District newsletter)
- SSD Unfiltered (District e-newsletter)
- From an SSD employee
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify): _____