



MPS SERVICE LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP 2018

*Funds Provided by
Leisure World Lions Club and
Mesa Community College*

SUMMARY: Scholarships will be awarded to seniors graduating from Mesa Public Schools who have completed 150 hours or more of outstanding service over their four years of high school. At least 150 of the student's service hours must be recorded on their MPS transcript.

The Mesa Service Learning Board committee will select students who will receive \$1,000 from Leisure World Lions Club or \$500 from MCC. If a scholarship is received from MCC and the choice of college changes, that award will be forfeited.

The scholarships will be awarded to students at their school's May 2018 awards ceremony.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY:

- ◆ Students must be qualified for, or be on track to receive, the Mesa Public Schools Honor for Excellence in Service Learning. This award recognizes students when 150 hours or more of service are recorded on their transcripts. Service learning hours to date will appear on the students' transcripts. Hours to be completed by April 2018 will be verified by the school service learning coach on the Student Application.
- ◆ Strong preference will be given to students who have been involved with service learning activities throughout their four years of high school (as opposed to "just during ninth grade" or "just this year"). Service may be listed, described, and referred to; even though it does not appear on the transcript, but it is preferred that most of the student's hours be recorded on the transcript.
- ◆ Students must demonstrate a commitment to lifelong service to the community.
- ◆ Students must demonstrate potential to be successful in a higher education program. Note: No minimum grade point average is required to be awarded a scholarship.
- ◆ Students must use the scholarship funds to continue their education at a U.S. accredited college or university.
- ◆ Students must be United States citizens or permanent residents.

DEADLINE: April 2, 2018 4:30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

Please submit the following documents by 4:30 pm, April 2, 2018, to the MPS Service Learning Department located at 155 N. Center St. Mesa, AZ 85201. (Nothing will be accepted after this date.)

- The attached Student Application (with a resume if available)
- The Letter Essay (see page 2)
- A signed verification of 2017-2018 service learning hours from the service learning coach if the current transcript does not show 150 hours or more of service. (You are welcome to have this completed, even if the transcript already shows 150 or more already, for the Scholarship Committee to have a current total.)
- A recommendation letter:
 - ◆ **Must be from a Community Member.** This is an adult, not a relative, in the community who is familiar with your community service (preferably a volunteer supervisor outside of your high school).

Students are responsible for having all the documents together before turning in the application. DO NOT give your packet to school faculty to turn in for you. Applications not complete and received by the deadline will not be considered.

Please print the application from www.mesaservicelearning.org.

Students should mail or deliver their complete application packet to the address below.

All items must be received by 4:30 pm April 2, 2018, at the MPS Service Learning Office.
**Mail all items to: Mesa Service Learning/Scholarship Committee,
155 N. Center St., Mesa, AZ 85201.**

SELECTION, NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

The Mesa Service Learning Advisory Board, comprised of youth and adult members of the community, will select the recipients by April 30, 2018. Announcement of the recipients will be made at each high school's awards program in May.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact Lisa Thompson - lthompson@mpsaz.org
Phone (480) 308-7351.

Mesa Public Schools
MESA SERVICE LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP 2018
STUDENT APPLICATION

Name on School Records _____ Nickname _____

Home Address _____ ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____ Student ID# _____

Name of Parents/Guardian _____

School Attending 2017-2018 _____

List the adult who will be doing your Letter of Recommendation.

1. _____ Email/Phone _____

Post-Secondary school you plan to attend

NOTE: If you are not sure where you will attend college, please explain in the space below.

College or University name: _____

Have you been accepted? Yes No Not Yet

OR

Mesa Community College: Yes Have you been accepted? Yes No Not Yet

Explanation of pending decision (if undecided at this time): _____

What are your current career goals? _____

VERIFICATION OF HOURS DURING 2017-2018

I do hereby verify that this student is in the process of receiving service learning hours from Option A, B, or C activities, and that those hours will appear on his/her transcript by May 24, 2018.

Minimum number of hours to be added to the transcript for this year: _____

Projected total number of hours on transcript for 9th - 12th grade years: _____

Signature of Service Learning Coach _____ Date _____

STUDENT LETTER ESSAY

Attach a four to five paragraph letter addressed to the Mesa Service Learning Advisory Board that answers **ALL** the following questions. Your responses should include information on all the significant service you have done as a young person. Please make sure this is in essay form. (Tip - It is recommended that you have someone proof read your essay before you submit it.)

1. What are the major service activities and projects in which you have participated? Please estimate how many hours you spent with each activity.
2. What have you observed and learned about others and our community from your service experiences?
3. What have you learned about yourself through these service activities and experiences?
4. What are your post high school plans for your education, career, and service in the community?

**Submit your completed Application, Letter Essay,
and letter of Recommendation
on or before 4:30pm on April 2, 2018 to
Mesa Service Learning/Scholarship Committee
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Applications not complete will not be considered for scholarship.

If you have any questions about the application process
please call Lisa Thompson 480-308-7351