



## **The Steve Metheny Scholarship Foundation 2008 New Applicants**

The **purpose** of "The Steve Metheny Scholarship Foundation" is to provide financial awards to employees or **dependent children** of employees of Mid South Sign Association member firms. Preference will be given to students who intend to pursue subjects related to the sign industry. It is the desire of MSSA to promote excellence in our industry by encouraging the young, bright, and talented to further their education.

The **application** must be mailed along with a **current** official transcript and **current** official GPA if not on transcript to the MSSA office and must be **received no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year. New applicants must also submit official ACT or SAT scores if not on transcript. Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applicants are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore answer all questions as completely as possible. "The Steve Metheny Scholarship Foundation" reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and make changes at any time including termination of the program. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

**Awards** are for vocational, undergraduate and graduate study. The scholarship will be awarded during the MSSA Summer Convention. If a recipient is unable to attend the convention, a check will be forwarded to the address listed on the application. The number of awards and amount granted each year may vary depending upon the number of qualified applications received.

### **Member Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Eligibility is for any company that is an active, participating member "in good standing" of the Mid South Sign Association as described below:
  - a. A member company must have been a member of MSSA during the calendar year prior to making scholarship application.
  - b. A representative of the MSSA member company must have attended a minimum of one MSSA meeting during the calendar year prior to making scholarship application.
    1. **A one time exception will be made to give an opportunity for companies that have not attended a meeting in 2007 to have an option to attend the 2008 Winter Conference in Memphis, TN. There will be no further exceptions.**
  - c. Additional branches or company locations are considered separate companies that require separate MSSA membership – and must meet participation requirements as described above in "line a" and "line b".

2. Scholarship recipients must meet one of the following employment criteria:
  - a. May be employed by a MSSA member “in good standing” as described above in section 1.
  - b. May be the dependent children of an employee of a MSSA member “in good standing” as described above in section 1.

**Applicants for the Steve Metheny Scholarship must:**

- Be a current employee or **dependent child** of a current employee of a MSSA firm in good standing during the year of application for the scholarship and must still be employed by July 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.
- Be a student who plans to enroll or who is already enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate full-time (12 credit hours per semester or more or 8 hours per quarter if school is on the quarter system) course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school.
- Have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of applying and completed either the SAT or ACT examination.

The Scholarship Award is **renewable** annually for up to **three** additional years. See **Renewal Application**.

Scholarship finalists are **selected** on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, industry potential, goals and aspirations and MSSA member participation. Selection will be made by the MSSA Scholarship Award Committee, who, in conjunction with the MSSA Board of Directors, shall have the right to interpret, modify, or discontinue this Scholarship Award Program. All applicants agree to accept the decisions as final. Applicants will be notified by mid-June. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Applicants may reapply to the program each year that they meet eligibility requirements.

**The Steve Metheny Scholarship Application Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>**

APPLICATIONS **MUST** BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1ST

**I. Personal Data**

Name	Date	
Permanent Address	Home Phone	
City	State	Zip
E-Mail address	Cell Phone	
Social Security Number	Date of Birth	
MSSA Member Firm		
Name of parent or guardian employed by this firm		
College / University / Voc.Tech. School where you plan to attend:		

Address	
Desired Career	Expected Major
Number of family members enrolled in further education #	
Number of times you have received this scholarship #	

## II. Educational Record

Name of High School	Graduation Date
City & State	
Class Rank	SAT/ACT Total
Name of College currently attending	
City & State	
High School GPA <u>on 4.0 scale</u>	College GPA <u>on 4.0 scale</u>

## III. Financial Aid

List all forms of financial aid you will receive, including existing scholarships that will carry over from the previous year. Attach additional pages if necessary.


### Financial Statement

Estimated expenses for year for which you are applying:

Tuition \$	Books \$	Fees \$
Room \$	Board \$	Transportation \$

Actual expenses for previous college school year

Tuition \$	Books \$	Fees \$
Room \$	Board \$	Transportation \$

**IV. Leadership Capabilities**

List clubs and community organizations in which you have been a member or an officer since entering college. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Club/Organization	Years of Membership	Office (s) Held

**V. Activities and Special Recognition - School**

List chronologically, beginning with your freshman year, all activities in high school; such as publications, clubs, student government, athletics, honor societies, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Academic Year	Activity	Offices Held/Awards

**VI. Activities and Special Recognition - Community**

List chronologically, beginning with your freshman year, activities **outside of school** in which you were involved; such as clubs (4H, scouts church, etc.), volunteer work (camp counselor, etc.), special interest groups (model railroad club, art association, etc.). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Academic Year	Activity	Number of hours/year

**VII. Employment Information:**

Starting with your freshman year of high school, list all summer, part time and /or full time jobs. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Date of Employment	Employer	Type of Work

## VIII. Essay

Your ability to express yourself well is an important part of the evaluation process. The scholarship essay provides an opportunity for you to demonstrate your ability to think analytically and creatively.

Use separate sheets and attach to application. Answer the following questions in 250 words or less for each answer.

- ❖ How will my continuing education have an impact on the Sign Industry - professionally, personally, and/or as an instrument of change or contribution?
  
- ❖ What are my short term and long-term goals to be achieved from this scholarship?

## Certification and Disclaimer

I (we) indemnify the Mid South Sign Association and hold it harmless from any loss, damage, claim of damage, or liability of expense arising out of, or resulting from, any aspect of this application or this Scholarship Award Program. I (we) agree that I (we) are aware of and understand all rules, conditions, instructions, and provisions regarding all aspects of this Scholarship Award Program. Furthermore, I (we) agree to accept the decision of the MSSA without debate.

I (we) agree that, in accepting this scholarship, I will attend an accredited college, university or institute and will maintain a full-time status for the academic year for which the award was given. **I (we) also agree that, if I withdraw or fail to meet attendance requirements for that academic year, I (we) will reimburse the Mid South Sign Association for the total scholarship amount and will deem the recipient ineligible the following academic year.**

I (we) certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of our knowledge.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Parent/Guardian's Signature is only required for applicants under the age of 18).**

All submitted forms, transcripts, essays, and information become the property of the Mid South Sign Association and will not be returned to the applicant. Intentionally falsifying information will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any award.

**FOR NEW APPLICANTS**, the following forms **must** be included with this application:

1. Completed Application
2. High School and/or college transcript
3. Additional transcripts received under separate cover by June 1<sup>st</sup>. will be accepted
4. Copy of SAT or ACT scores (if not on transcript)
5. Official GPA (if not on transcript)
6. Essays
7. Member company verification

**MSSA is not responsible for late or incomplete applications.** All submitted items and

forms **must be received no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>** of application year. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Send completed application and all required materials to:

Mid South Sign Association  
P.O. Box 11407  
Memphis, TN 38111  
Telephone (901) 452-6444  
Fax (901)-327-7633  
[info@midsouthsign.org](mailto:info@midsouthsign.org)

**See next page requiring additional information.**

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
OF MSSA MEMBER COMPANY**  
(Member company verification)

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, (a representative of  
member company) \_\_\_\_\_ (title)  
acknowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ (applicant  
or parent) is an employee of \_\_\_\_\_  
(member MSSA company) and that  
\_\_\_\_\_ (applicant) is eligible as a recipient  
for this scholarship to the best of my knowledge as set forth in this  
application”.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date