The Mary S. Nelums’ Social Work Scholarship Eligibility/Criteria

Two (2) graduate level Social Work scholarships will be awarded to eligible candidates. Applicant's must meet the following criteria:*

**First year MSW students:**
- Accepted to Jackson State University
- Show a financial need
- Demonstrate a strong commitment and dedication to the field of social work

**Second year MSW students:**
- Academically in good standing and hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Show financial need to continue formal graduate studies
- Demonstrate a strong commitment and dedication to the field of social work

All applicants must be interviewed by three (3) board members for the Mary S. Nelums' Foundation.

**Application Process:**
- Complete the attached application form
- Submit three (3) letters of references in support of their scholarship application. Two must be from a faculty member, and one from an employer.

Mail complete package to: Mary S. Nelums Foundation, P.O. Box 12385, Jackson, MS 39236.

For further information, you may contact Mary S. Nelums at: (601) 750-4204.

* Scholarship amount is based upon the availability of funds.
The Mary S. Nelums Scholarship Foundation

As you complete this application, please think about your career goals, what your community means to you and what you, as a citizen, hope to offer to make it a better place to live. Include these things in your essay as explained below.

Application Deadline: Fall semester due June 15. Spring semester due December 1.

SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

City ____________ Zip Code ______ Phone ___________ E-Mail__________

Father’s Name: ___________________________________ Living: __________

Occupation: ___________________________ Employed: Yes____ No ______

Mother’s Name: ___________________________ Living: __________

Occupation: ___________________________ Employed: Yes____ No ______

SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Information on all family members attending school

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List school and community activities (such as sports, clubs, church, volunteer activities)

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SECTION B – COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

As of September 2014, your year or standing in college will be: ___________________
Annual Costs: Tuition: ____________ Books & Fees: __________
Room & Board: __________

Have you applied for any other financial aid (including Work/Study, student & parent
loans, grants, scholarships, other) for the 2014/2015 school year? __________
Please explain:_________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
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Have you filed the FAFSA form for this coming school year? _________________

List any financial assistance you are aware of that you will receive through these and
other sources (family or friends) for the 2014/2015 school year.

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What were your (student's) earnings on the 2013 1040 tax form? __________

If you had low income or did not work, did you participate in summer classes,
internships, volunteer work, tutoring, mentoring, student government, etc.? Please
explain.

____________________________________________________________________
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All information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

_____________________________________________
Student's Signature
On a separate sheet of paper, respond to the following questions. Please double-space and limit your responses to a maximum of two pages.

1. Your desire for furthering your education
2. Your career goals
3. What you, as a social worker, hope to contribute to your community with your education, to make it a better place

CERTIFICATION:

I acknowledge decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final and that this is a competitive selection process.

I certify that the information submitted is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that intentional misrepresentation is cause for disqualification. I understand that the selection committee will review information on this form and all attachments, and, if asked, I agree to provide proof of information I have given on this form.

I give permission for the selection committee to contact my references and school officials for additional academic or character reference information.

If selected to receive this scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release, including the use of my name and photographic image.

If selected to receive this scholarship, I pledge to work with the foundation in some capacity that will be beneficial to other master's level social work students.

Applicant's Signature ________________________        Date _______________

Attachments:
1. Essay
2. A current official sealed copy of your transcript through last quarter or semester
3. Three letters of references (Two letters **must** be from current faculty and one from your present or previous employer).