

### ***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:**

- a. Accepted to Jackson State University
- b. Show a financial need
- c. Demonstrate a strong commitment and dedication to the field of social work

#### **Second year MSW students:**

- a. Academically in good standing and hold a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- b. Show financial need to continue formal graduate studies
- c. 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:**

- a. Complete the attached application form
- b. 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 May 1. Spring semester due December 1.**

## **SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION**

Student's Name:

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Address:

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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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Yearly Tuition</u>
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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 2013, 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 2013/2014 school year? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 2013/2014 school year.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE

AMOUNT

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What were your (student's) earnings on the 2012 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).