

1. Professional Goals/College Choice - 150 words or less (0 – 3 points)

Describe the professional goals you would like to achieve in two to four years. If you are enrolling in a particular program, tell us why you have chosen this course of study. If you are enrolling in a general program, please tell us how this will help you meet your goals. Also, please also tell us why you chose Minnesota State College Southeast (MSCS) for your education and training.

- 3 points Exceptional level of growth *through specific, realistic attainable* goals
- 2 points Average level of growth (as above)
- 1 point Below average level of growth (as above)
- 0 points Narrative inadequate

2. Financial Need - 100 to 300 words (0 – 3 points)

Please describe your particular circumstances regarding financial need and the impact the scholarship will have upon your situation. Applicants should discuss whether or not they intend to work while attending MSCS. Please highlight and outline your current and previous work experiences and discuss how you have saved or prepared for the cost of college, how you blend family life with work and school, your individual family living situation, and other ways in which your work experiences influence your need. For example, do you work full-time or part-time outside of school, do you have children and a family to support, do you have extraordinary expenses, etc.?

- 3 points Exceptional circumstances regarding financial need
- 2 points Average level (as above)
- 1 point Below average level (as above)
- 0 points Narrative inadequate

3. Accomplishments (Personal, Professional and Academic) - 100 to 200 words (0-4 points)

Please describe your personal and/or professional accomplishments of which you are most proud. This is particularly important for some of the scholarships we award. This can be, but isn't limited to, organizations/activities outside of school in which you have participated, leadership positions you have held in organizations, academic and other awards received, etc.

- 4 points Exceptional level of accomplishments
- 3 points Above average level (as above)
- 2 points Average level (as above)
- 1 point Below average level (as above)
- 0 points Narrative inadequate

4. Community Involvement - 100 to 200 words (0-4 points)

Please describe your involvement in Community related activities or groups. This would include community volunteering or service that is either formal or informal and is done in consultation with local nonprofit, governmental, and community-based organizations, as designed to improve the quality of life for community members. This is particularly important for some of the scholarships we award.

- 4 points Exceptional level of community involvement
- 3 points Above average level (as above)
- 2 points Average level (as above)
- 1 point Below average level (as above)
- 0 points Narrative inadequate

Recommendation #1 & #2 (0 – 4 points)

- 4 points Comments indicate *exceptional* achievement/effort, potential for success, leadership ability
- 3 points Comments indicate *above average* achievement/effort, potential for success, leadership ability
- 2 points Comments indicate *average* achievement/effort, potential for success, leadership ability
- 1 point Comments indicate *below average* achievement/effort, potential for success, leadership ability

*Note – for Red Wing College Promise students, a specific essay answer takes the place of the recommendation section score.

Extra Credit - Neatness, completeness and standard English (0 – 2 points)

GPA Entered/Verified Score (score will be added to total by Foundation Office) (0 – 1 point)

Cumulative Grade Point Average (score will be added to total by Foundation Office) (0 – 2 points)

- 2 points...4.0 – 3.0
- 1 points...2.9 – 2.1
- 0 points...2.0 and below