

Marion Clergy Educator Partnership  
**SERVANT-LEADER SCHOLARSHIP**

The Marion Clergy Educator Partnership (CEP) establishes a Servant-Leader Scholarship, as of 2009. This award is established to recognize and assist a member of the graduating class of MHS. The scholarship may be used in an accredited postsecondary institution, either a two-year or four-year school, college, or university and will be made payable to the recipient and the postsecondary school of the recipient's choice.

The CEP will award a minimum of \$500 each year in scholarship funds for this purpose. The Servant- Leadership Scholarship award is for one year's study only and is not renewable.

Eligible seniors may apply for the scholarship through the guidance office at MHS using the application provided. Completed applications must be returned to the guidance office no later than **March 1** each year. Any student may apply, whether male or female, regardless of ethnicity or religious affiliation.

All applications will be reviewed by a scholarship committee gathered by CEP and made up of the following persons:

MHS Principal  
MHS Guidance Counselor  
High School (English?) Teacher – a different one each year  
MSDI Community Clergy Members (two [2]) - each from a different church, even if employees at the same school)

(Criteria for the scholarship may be changed by CEP at any time.)

Applicant names will remain anonymous to the scholarship committee until scored.

The scholarship will be presented to the recipient at the annual MHS Awards Day ceremony.

A scholarship recipient and a first alternate will be selected by the scholarship committee, based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit (minimum C+ average, equivalent to 2.5 on 4.0 grading scale)
- Must have been in attendance at MHS for a minimum of two consecutive years including the year of graduation
- Character should have been demonstrated by a clean disciplinary record (no more than two referrals per year, and these only at the lowest level offenses, eg. Talking without permission)
- Character and service to the community with special emphasis on involvement in the Marion community, its churches, and / or other charitable settings
- Overall quality of applicant's responses to essay questions

- I. Maintaining anonymity throughout the application, provide an autobiographical sketch and a statement of your educational / career / professional goals. Please be specific concerning your plans for postsecondary education. (Please limit your response to one page.) 15 points

- II. Please explain how you have served and led in the Marion Community. Include any experiences you have had working with children, the elderly, the school (Marion High), the church, other service organizations, etc. (Please limit your response to one page.)  
35 points

- III. What should the various components of the Marion community (law enforcement, schools, churches, businesses, health care institutions) do to enhance this community? What is your vision for a “better Marion”? (Please limit your response to one page.) 35 points

IV. Why should you be the recipient of this CEP Servant-Leader Scholarship? (Please limit your response to one page.) 15 points

I certify that the attached information is correct and understand that the scholarship committee will review my entire transcript.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

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To be completed by the Marion High School Counselor

Academic average as of the end of first semester of senior year \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant been a student at MHS for at least two consecutive years?

What are the dates of enrollment at Marion High School for this applicant?

Do records verify the participation in leadership / extracurricular activities at MHS mentioned in the student's application? (Please check one.) YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

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Counselor's Signature

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Date