AUDREY ERSKINE SCHOLARSHIP
2011 AWARD APPLICATION

Administered by the Mid-Minnesota United Board of Governance
Copper Corte II, 4180 Thielman Lane, Suite 114, St. Cloud, MN 56301
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Nature and Purpose of the Award

This award is in honor and memory of Audrey Erskine, a long time advocate for teachers and education. It will provide a lasting remembrance while also investing in the future excellence of education. With this scholarship, an individual dedicated to becoming an outstanding classroom teacher will be recognized.

Mid-Minnesota United is offering a scholarship in the amount of $350 to $500. The number of and amount of the scholarship(s) is contingent upon the availability of funds. The recipient of the scholarship award will be selected from the juniors and seniors enrolled in a college or university, which prepares students for a teaching career at the preschool, elementary, or secondary level in Minnesota. The award is to be used at any accredited four-year college or university, and is to be applied toward tuition, lodging, books, or any other necessary educational expense.

Qualifications

The Audrey Erskine Scholarship Award Committee will seek to evaluate the following applicant qualifications: (1) work habits; (2) character and personality; (3) leadership; (4) a sincerity of intention to teach; and, (5) membership in the Education Minnesota Student Program (EMSP). To apply for EMSP membership and an EMSP application, contact your campus education department or contact EMSP, 41 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103. Verification of EMSP membership will be made through the Education Minnesota St. Paul office.

Application and Selection Procedures

The completed application must be submitted to the Audrey Erskine Scholarship Award Committee **by June 1, 2011**. The name of the award recipient will be announced **by September 15, 2011,** and will be presented at the Mid-Minnesota United Fall Drive In held the first Wednesday of October. Applicants not selected will only be informed in writing of the results of their applications if a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope is enclosed with their application.

Application for Audrey Erskine Scholarship Award

Complete the information starting on page 2 of this application. When it is complete, mail the application to:

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PRINT IN INK OR TYPE

1. _____(____)_____
   Applicant's Name: Last First Middle Telephone No.

2. _____
   Sex - M or F Social Security No.

3. _____
   Home Address: Street or Route City State Zip

4. _____(____)_____
   Name of Parents or Guardians Telephone No.
   _____
   (Address, if different from above)

5. _____
   High School from which You Graduated Address City State Zip

6. _____
   Name of College Address City State Zip

7. _____
   Name of Local Newspaper Address City State Zip
   (for publicity purposes)

8. _____
   Name of College/University Newspaper Address City State Zip
   (for publicity purposes)

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

9. _____ Yes, I am currently a member of EMSP (Education Minnesota Student Program). (For an EMSP membership application contact your campus education department or contact EMSP, 41 Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103. Verification of EMSP membership will be made.)

10. _____ Yes, I am currently a college junior/senior.

11. _____ Yes, I am pursuing a course of study in order to become a teacher at the preschool, elementary or secondary level.

    My major field of study is _____, with an emphasis/minor in _____.

12. _____ I have not previously completed a teacher licensure program.

13. _____ Yes, I have attached to this application or requested a copy of my complete transcript to be sent to the Mid-Minnesota United office.

14. List your employment record.

Place of Employment	Nature of Work	Dates of Employment	Approx. Hrs./Week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

15. List educational experiences as a result of course work in college classes. (Examples: student-teaching, clinical field experiences, classroom observations, etc.)

16. Four completed recommendation forms (copies attached) must be submitted. They should be completed by Student-Teaching Supervisors, College Professors, Classroom-Teaching Supervisors, and/or Department Heads. These may be submitted with your application form or mailed directly to Mid-Minnesota United (to preserve confidentiality).

17. Attach a copy of your last quarter's grade report or submit a college transcript.

18. Prepare a *brief* typewritten statement (300-500 words) on your commitment to education; what you feel is important about teaching. What is significant about education in today's world? Describe an experience that helped you decide to become a teacher.

Signature _____ Date _____

RECOMMENDATION FORM

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Applicant's Name: Last Name First Name Middle Name

PERSONALITY CHARACTERISTICS and RECOMMENDATIONS

This form is to be completed by a Department Head, Classroom Teaching Supervisor, College Professor, and/or Student-Teacher Supervisor. This completed form (front and back*)* must accompany the student's application or be mailed directly to:

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1. Rate the personal characteristics of the applicant by circling the appropriate response. This information will be treated in a confidential and professional manner.

COOPERATION Consider the applicant's willingness to work with people in various capacities, loyalty.	**STRONG**	**AVERAGE**	**WEAK**
EMOTIONS Consider the applicant's ability to control self in stressful situations.	**STRONG**	**AVERAGE**	**WEAK**
INITIATIVE, INDUSTRY Consider the applicant's ability to see things to do, resourcefulness, assertiveness.	**STRONG**	**AVERAGE**	**WEAK**
JUDGMENT AND COMMONSENSE Consider the applicant's ability and foresight in decisions in everyday situations.	**STRONG**	**AVERAGE**	**WEAK**
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2. What qualities do you feel this candidate has that will make an outstanding classroom teacher?

_____ _____

Signature and Title of School Official Date

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