

**Missouri Special Needs Association (MSNA)
Scholarship Application**

PURPOSE:

The Missouri Special Needs Association (MSNA) is offering a student financial award to acknowledge the achievement of a career/technical student who is a member of a special population and has overcome barriers to achieve his/her highest potential for success. This award is to assist the student with tuition, lodging, book expenses, or tools that will assist this student in obtaining their educational/work goal. This financial award will be sent to the College Registrar listed below. This award will then be available for the student's use. However, if the student is going to use the financial award for tools, then the award will be sent to the nominating person.

GUIDELINES:

1. The criteria used to select the winner will include the student's selection of a realistic and attainable educational/work goal, demonstrated financial need, special circumstances and personal references.
2. The application must be typed using a computer as a word processor to complete the application. The completed answers to the questions should be attached to the application.
3. Please be sure that all sections of the application are completed.
4. Each nominee must provide a minimum of two (2) and no more than three (3) letters of recommendation. One letter must be from the home high school administration, one from the career/technical education setting and the last letter could be from an employer, etc.
5. An official high school transcript, through the first semester of the student's senior year must be attached.
6. Photographs, newspaper clippings, etc, that support this application may be submitted. Please limit these items to a total of three.
7. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
8. All supporting material will become the property of the Scholarship Committee and will not be returned.
9. **ALL APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON BY THE FIRST FRIDAY OF MAY (May 7th).**
10. **Send completed applications via email, fax or mail to:**
Lewis & Clark Career Center
Attn: Karen Kennedy
2400 Zumbahl Road
St. Charles, MO 63301
Email: kkennedy@mail.stcharles.k12.mo.us
Fax: (636) 443-4975
11. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the above chairperson.

2. What is your career goal?

3. Describe how special services assistance has prepared you to reach your educational goal. (100 words or less).

4. Explain how this award would be used to further your educational goals.

5. Describe in 500 words or less how your educational journey has prepared you to reach your maximum potential. Feel free to include specific circumstances to support this item.

6. Include at least two (2) and no more than three (3) letters of reference. One letter should be from your home school administration, another from the career/technical educational setting. The third letter could be from a community leader at large.