

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

The Mu Alpha Theta Scholarship for Two-Year College Students is a scholarship for outstanding full or part-time two-year college students who are members in good standing of an active Mu Alpha Theta chapter. In the year that they apply, the student should be enrolled in enough hours so that they will have completed at least 30 semester college credits (or their equivalent quarter hours) by the end of that school year. The recipient of this award should be an outstanding mathematics student. They will have provided leadership and service to their Mu Alpha Theta chapter by enthusiastically participating in local projects with evidence of service in the area of mathematics and, by doing so, advanced the mission of Mu Alpha Theta. Up to five \$4000 scholarships will be available.

All scholarship awards will be sent to the recipient's college or university of choice to be used for tuition, fees, books, or other educational expenses during the 18 months following the date of the award. The students chosen to receive these scholarships should decline the award if they have already received full coverage of tuition, books and fees from other sources. In this case, other deserving students will be selected to receive the awards.

Each chapter may submit **no more than two** nominations for this scholarship per year. The chapter's sponsor will determine how the nominee is to be selected, keeping in mind that they should meet the criteria described above.

HOW TO APPLY

Members may apply for these scholarships by filling out the *Two-Year College Application*, which must be postmarked on or before **March 1st**.

Application and Student Information Form

Please fill out the application and student information form included with the application. Do not send a resume or additional items not requested.

Student Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, write a double-spaced essay of no more than 500 words that discusses the following:

Keeping in mind the mission of Mu Alpha Theta, which is to inspire a keen interest in mathematics, develop strong scholarship in the subject, and promote the enjoyment of mathematics, describe how you have grown mathematically by being involved in your Mu Alpha Theta chapter, include why mathematics is important to you and how it may be a part of your future plans. List your most meaningful achievements while in college, whether or not they are mathematical in nature.

Letters of Recommendation

All applicants must provide **two** recommendation letters, one from the Mu Alpha Theta chapter sponsor and one from another person familiar with the student and their accomplishments. Recommendations should not come from family members.

Letters must be signed and in a sealed envelope. Recommenders should sign again across the back flap of the sealed envelope.

Transcript and Test Scores

A sealed official copy of the applicant's high school and college transcripts, signed across the back by a school official, should be sent. Please include any standardized test scores (SAT and/or ACT, or others).

SUBMISSION

When possible, all items listed below should be mailed in a **single, large envelope** by each applicant. **Envelope must be postmarked no later than March 1st for applicant to be considered for a scholarship.**

Mail to:

Mu Alpha Theta Two-Year Scholarship Committee
601 Elm Avenue, Room 1102
Norman, OK 73019-3103

Winners will be notified no later than May 1st.

Application Check List:

- Application Form
- Student Information Form
- Student Essay
- Sealed envelopes including **official high school** and **college transcripts**
- Sealed envelopes including **two** signed recommendation letters

**MU ALPHA THETA TWO-YEAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

Please **type or print** in black ink.

Name: _____
 First M.I. Last

Mu Alpha Theta Student ID #: _____
(Sponsor can find this online by logging in to their current student list at www.mualphatheta.org)

Home Address: _____
 Street Address / Apt. Number

_____ City State Zip

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Two-Year College Name: _____

Two-Year College Address _____

_____ City State Zip

Mu Alpha Theta Sponsor: _____
 First Last

College major/minor if known: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Two-Year College: _____

Please complete the following. You may use a separate page, if preferred.

1. List the number of years you were an active participant in Mu Alpha Theta.
2. List and describe your duties for any Mu Alpha Theta offices held and include the year. List and describe any activities you participated in as a member of your chapter, including tutoring, if relevant.
3. List ACT math and/or SAT math scores.
4. Describe any mathematical or scientific research in which you have been involved, if any.
5. Have you participated in the AMATYC Student Math League, or any other State, National or International math program or competition? If so briefly describe the program or competition.
6. What are your plans for additional study of mathematics?
7. What other information would you like to share with the Scholarship Committee?

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION – MU ALPHA THETA SPONSOR

Student's Name: _____

Sponsor's Name: _____

Please write a recommendation letter for the student above who has applied for a scholarship from Mu Alpha Theta. We prefer that recommendations do not come from a family member. When writing the recommendation please discuss this student's mathematical ability, participation, activities, math competition participation and results, leadership, and contributions to encouraging interest in mathematics **citing specific examples.**

It is helpful if you read the student's essay and information form before writing your recommendation. Providing information and details not already discussed by the student is helpful in learning more about the individual when we judge the applications.

What roles of leadership has this applicant filled? **Be specific.**

Approximately what % of club activities has this applicant attended?

In approximately what % of competitions available has this applicant participated?

In addition, please tell us why you think we should support this student with a scholarship.

Your recommendation should be signed and returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope, signed across the back. You are welcome to use your own paper. If this page does not accompany your recommendation, please write the student's name on the front of your envelope. Thank you.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Student's Name: _____

Person Writing Recommendation: _____

How do you know the candidate? _____

Please write a recommendation letter for the student above who has applied for a scholarship from Mu Alpha Theta. We prefer that recommendations do not come from a family member. When writing the recommendation please discuss this student's mathematical ability, leadership qualities, and if you have knowledge of the student encouraging others to enjoy mathematics **citing specific examples.**

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