

Paul Morrison Scholarship Application Directions

The Paul Morrison Scholarship promotes the serious study of the social sciences. In addition, this scholarship considers the financial need of the applicant. The committee will award approximately \$500.00 in scholarship monies.

ELIGIBILITY (STUDENTS MUST MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS):

- Have one of the following majors: History BA or BSE; Social Science BA or BSE; Sociology BA.
- Have cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Have Junior or Senior Standing (60 credits or above) in 2016–2017.
- Have formally declared major at least one full semester before date of application.
- Must be in residence full-time at MSU during the year of application.
- Must show financial need.

TO APPLY:

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. You must complete and submit this application by Tuesday, February 16, 2016.
2. Visit the Financial Aid Office site at <http://www.minotstateu.edu/finaid/scholarships.shtml> and complete the Returning Students 2016–2017 MSU Scholarship and Awards Program application. You must complete and submit this application by Tuesday, February 16, 2016.
3. Submit a scholarship application packet to Debby Brothers in the Social Science Division Office no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, March 4, 2016. This application packet must include:
 - a. An *autobiographical essay*. The essay must include:
 - 1) Your current name, address, phone number and EMPL number.
 - 2) Background information about yourself, including experience in community service, extracurricular activities and campus organizations.
 - 3) A statement about your outstanding personal attributes.
 - 4) A statement about your academic goals.
 - 5) A statement about your financial need.
 - b. A *copy of a current transcript (will be supplied by division)*.
 - c. A list of at least two MSU faculty references; one of which must be outside of the Division of Social Science. Please obtain a faculty member's permission to list them. Do NOT ask faculty for letters of reference.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Social Science Scholarship Committee will review the applications as soon after the closing date as possible. The committee members *may* contact the faculty references. In addition, the Scholarship Committee may individually interview the top candidates. The student awarded the scholarship will be notified by mail and provided with more specific instructions by the Financial Aid Office.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Economics Coordinator: Dr. Daniel Ngugi; Geography Coordinator: Dr. Jacob Sowers; History Coordinator: Dr. Joseph Jastrzemski; Philosophy Coordinator: Dr. Stewart Kelly; and Sociology Coordinator: Dr. Harry Hoffman