

APPLICATION

\$4,000

SCHOLARSHIP TO MSU

The Jim Brown & Katherine Brown Scholarship

Grantors: The Panthera Edge Foundation

(Natalie Kik-Brown & Jan Brown & Alan Priest)

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**** The scholarship is accompanied with an ongoing relationship to foster mentoring and additional support, annually.****

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

- 1) Due NLT March 31st**
- 2) Submit Application AND Essay to Mrs. Teresa Converse / Teresa.Converse@spartaschools.org or Mr. Blake Schanski / Blake.Schanski@spartaschools.org or Kim Pfeffer / Kim.Pfeffer@spartaschools.org**
- 3) Email your Essay in WORD.docx or PDF format to nkikbrown@pantheraedge.org**
- 4) Please put your name and High School on your essay!!**

NAME _____ AGE _____
PHONE# _____ EMAIL: _____

- Sparta High - Grad Class of '2026 _____ (Y/N)
- GPA _____ (CUM, AS OF LAST TERM)
- SAT SCORE _____ &/or ACT SCORE _____
- MSU Acceptance REC'VD _____ (DATE)
 - If MSU Acceptance Is Pending, You Expect It By _____ (DATE)
- Field of Study: _____
- I NEED Financial Assistance for MSU Tuition _____ (Y/N)
 - Please note, Scholarship is for **TUITION** only.
 - **NO GAP Year**, student must be enrolled Fall 2026.

In 1-2 sentences, summarize your...

(MUST ANSWER OR ESSAY MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED)

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS:

ATHLETIC or Other Extracurricular HIGHLIGHTS:

GOOD CITIZENSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

THE ESSAY

Due NLT March 31st

Min.-Max.: 2,000 - 2,500 Words

Your **ESSAY** is key! You should give this thoughtful consideration. The Focus Points below are offered only to prompt your thinking. The Focus Points are **not** intended as an outline.

Use your ESSAY to tell your story. It's your life; what are you doing with it? How well can you tell your story? **What makes you different? What makes you jump off the page?**

Character is often highlighted in times of crisis and during Presidential Elections. You are now at the doorstep of higher education. What have you learned that will make you successful at MSU; and at good citizenship after MSU?

Some Focus Points Offered ONLY To Stimulate Your Thoughts

- ☐ *Remember – Your GPA, SAT/ACT or Honors Achievements are set.... Your Essay is your chance to discriminate yourself*
- ☐ *Who Are You? What Separates You From Others?*
- ☐ *Describe Your Journey of Constant Improvement, Improving Mentally, Physically & Socially*
- ☐ *Describe A Remarkable Learning Experience in Balancing Peer Pressure Vs. Making Good Choices*
- ☐ *When Did You Begin Planning Financially For College; What Did You Do To Contribute To This Investment In Your Future; How Reliant Are You On Scholarships, Grants, Student Loans*
- ☐ *What Character Building Traits From Team Athletics or Other Extra Curricular Activities, Academic Pursuits, & Citizenship Activities Have Prepared You For Success At MSU and Good Citizenship*
- ☐ *There Are NO Clear Winning Tips For A Winning Essay; You Are Encouraged To Take Advantage Of That And Demonstrate Why You Are The One*