

# **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 opportunity for additional support, annually.\*\*\**

#### ***FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS!***

- 1) Due NLT March 28<sup>th</sup>**
- 2) Submit Application AND Essay to Jill Anderson or Jen VanBeek in the Counseling Department (The application page will be emailed to NKik-Brown.)**
- 3) Email your Essay in PDF or WORD.docx format to [nkikbrown@pantheraedge.org](mailto:nkikbrown@pantheraedge.org)**
- 4) Please put your Name and High School on your essay!!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- Grand Rapids Christian HS - Grad Class of '2025 \_\_\_\_\_ (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 2025.

In 1-2 sentences, summarize your...  
(**MUST ANSWER** OR ESSAY MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED)

**ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS:**

**ATHLETIC or Other Extra-Curricular HIGHLIGHTS:**

**GOOD CITIZENSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:**

# **THE ESSAY**

*Due NLT March 28<sup>th</sup>*

*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*