



# MMU/AUDREY ERSKINE Scholarship Award

Administered by the Mid-Minnesota United Board of Governance  
3051 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South, Suite 203, St. Cloud, MN 56301  
(320) 253-2530

## 2026 APPLICATION

### Nature and Purpose of the Award

This award, given by Mid-Minnesota United, is in honor and memory of Audrey Erskine, a longtime advocate for teachers and education. It will provide a lasting remembrance while also investing in the future excellence of education. With this scholarship, an individual dedicated to becoming an outstanding classroom teacher will be recognized.

Mid-Minnesota United is offering a scholarship of up to \$500.00. The number of and amount of the scholarship(s) is contingent upon the availability of funds. The recipient of the scholarship award will be selected from junior and senior undergrads enrolled in a college or university, which prepares students for a teaching career at the preschool, elementary, or secondary level in Minnesota. The award is to be used at any accredited four-year college or university, and is to be applied toward tuition, lodging, books, or any other necessary educational expense. If you are currently student teaching, or recently finished, you may apply the payment to previous expenses (loans or future classroom materials).

### Qualifications

The MMU/Audrey Erskine Scholarship Award Committee will seek to evaluate the following applicant qualifications:

(1) work habits; (2) character and personality; (3) leadership; (4) a sincerity of intention to teach; and, (5) membership in the Education Minnesota Student Program (EMSP) is preferred. To verify if you are a member of EMSP, visit <https://educationminnesota.org/membership-benefits/join-now/aspiring-educator/>. To apply for an EMSP membership, visit <https://educationminnesota.org/membership-benefits/join-now/>. EMSP membership will be verified before scholarships are awarded.

### Application and Selection Procedures

The completed application must be submitted to the MMU/Audrey Erskine Scholarship Award Committee **by June 5, 2026**. Priority in choosing recipients will be given to those candidates pursuing a Minnesota teaching license. The name of the award recipient will be announced by November 1, 2026. Applicants not selected will only be informed in writing of the results of their applications if a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope is enclosed with their application. If you have any questions, please email David Mahr at [david.mahr@edmn.org](mailto:david.mahr@edmn.org) or call 320-253-2530.

### Application for MMU/Audrey Erskine Scholarship Award

Please send the completed application to:



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*ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED*

### **PRINT IN INK OR TYPE**

Applicant's Name:  Last

First

Middle

Contact Street Address

City

State  Zip

Contact Email Address

(  ) Contact Phone No.

SSN (last 4 digits)

Name of Parents or Guardians

(  ) Telephone No.

Address (if different from above)

City

State  Zip

High School from Which You Graduated

Name of College/University

Address

Address

City

City

State and Zip

State and Zip

Name of Local Newspaper (for publicity purposes)

Name of College/University Newspaper

Address

Address

City

City

State and Zip

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP** (initial all that apply)

Yes, I am currently a member of EMSP (Education Minnesota Student Program). To verify if you are a member of EMSP, visit <https://educationminnesota.org/membership-benefits/join-now/aspiring-educator/>. To apply for an EMSP membership, visit <https://educationminnesota.org/membership-benefits/join-now/>. EMSP membership will be verified before scholarships are awarded.

Yes, I am currently a college junior/senior.

Yes, I am pursuing a course of study to become a teacher at the preschool, elementary or secondary level.

My major field of study is \_\_\_\_\_ with an emphasis/minor in \_\_\_\_\_.

I have not previously completed a teacher licensure program.

I am currently pursuing an education degree.

Yes, I have attached a copy of all my post-secondary transcripts to this application, or I have requested copies be sent to the Mid-Minnesota United office.

List your employment record:

Place of Employment	Dates of Employment
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Nature of Work	Approximate Hours/Week
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List educational experiences as a result of course work in college classes. (Examples: student-teaching, clinical field experiences, classroom observations, etc.)

List educational related experience outside of coursework or course required experiences. (Examples: Camp counselor, childcare, community ed classes, etc.)

Please describe your participation or leadership in union activities.

**Three completed recommendation forms (copies attached) must be submitted.** They should be completed by Student-Teaching Supervisors, College Professors, Classroom-Teaching Supervisors, and/or Department Heads. These may be submitted with your application form or mailed directly to Mid-Minnesota United

(to preserve confidentiality).

- Attach a copy of your college transcript.
- Prepare a *brief* typewritten statement (300-500 words) on your commitment to education; what you feel is important about teaching. What is significant about education in today's world? Describe an experience that helped you decide to become a teacher.
- Only complete applications will be considered.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's Name: Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONALITY CHARACTERISTICS and RECOMMENDATIONS

This form is to be completed by a Department Head, Classroom Teaching Supervisor, College Professor, and/or Student-Teacher Supervisor. This completed form (front and back) must accompany the student's application or be sent directly to:

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Email: david.mahr@edmn.org

Please be sure to complete this form and give it to the applicant or send it to the above address by the **deadline date of June 5, 2026**. *Failure to do so in a timely manner could disqualify the applicant.* Note: Forms mailed or emailed directly to Mid-Minnesota United by the person completing the form will not be shared with the student.

Rate the personal characteristics of the applicant by circling the appropriate response. This information will be treated in a confidential and professional manner.

COOPERATION	STRONG	AVERAGE	WEAK
Consider the applicant's willingness to work with people in various capacities, loyalty.			
EMOTIONS	STRONG	AVERAGE	WEAK
Consider the applicant's ability to control self in stressful situations.			
INITIATIVE, INDUSTRY	STRONG	AVERAGE	WEAK
Consider the applicant's ability to see things to do, resourcefulness, assertiveness.			
JUDGMENT AND COMMONSENSE	STRONG	AVERAGE	WEAK
Consider the applicant's ability and foresight in decisions in everyday situations.			
LEADERSHIP	STRONG	AVERAGE	WEAK
The applicant exhibits leadership characteristics.			
PERSONALITY	STRONG	AVERAGE	WEAK
Consider the applicant's mannerisms, appearance, and general impression on others.			
RELIABILITY	STRONG	AVERAGE	WEAK
Consider the applicant's dependability, willingness, honesty.			

What qualities do you feel this candidate has that will make an outstanding classroom teacher?

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Signature and Title of School Official

Date

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Printed Name

Contact Email/Phone Number

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