

Schools attended (9th through 12th grades)

Name of School _____ Dates Attended _____

Does school offer honor courses? Yes No Did you participate? Yes No
Does school offer advanced placement courses? Yes No Did you participate? Yes No

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Graduation Date _____ Class Rank _____ Number of students in class _____

List best composite ACT score _____ List best combined SAT score _____

Your College Plans

State your plans for enrollment in an accredited American college or university. Include your planned major.

Have you been granted scholarship aid? Yes No If yes, give details: _____

Do you intend to apply for financial aid at the college you plan to attend? Yes No

If yes, give details: _____

Employment and Community Service

List jobs you have held from November 1, 2001, through October 31, 2002. Include baby-sitting and work on a family farm or for a family business, even if not paid. Please list total hours worked, not average hours per week. You will receive 0 points in this section if you do not list your hours as instructed.

Total Hours	Dates of Employment	Kind of Work	Name of Employer
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

_____ (Grand Total Hours of Employment)

List volunteer work or community service you performed without pay from November 1, 2001, through October 31, 2002.

Total Hours of Service	Dates of Participation	Kind of Work	Name of Agency or Organization
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

_____ (Grand Total Hours of Service)

Honors and Awards

Include scholastic, extracurricular and civic honors and awards during grades 9 through 12.
State nature of award and grade won: i.e. Girl Scout Gold Award, 12. Please do not abbreviate names of awards.

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| 1. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

Positions of Leadership

State name of organization, position and grade(s) position was held from grades 9 through 12, starting with most recent:
i.e. Key Club, President, 11; Tennis Team, Captain, 10.

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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 8. _____ |

Activities and Organizations you participated in for three or more years

Include all scholastic, extracurricular and civic organizations that you participated in for at least three years during grades 9 to 12, even those listed in Positions of Leadership section. State name of organization and the grades you were involved, starting with most recent: i.e. Boy Scouts, 9, 10, 11.

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| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Activities and Organizations you participated in for two years

Include all scholastic, extracurricular and civic organizations that you participated in for two years during grades 9 to 12, even those listed in Positions of Leadership section. State name of organization and the grades you were involved, starting with most recent: i.e. 4-H, 11,12.

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| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Activities and Organizations you participated in for one year

Include all scholastic, extracurricular and civic organizations that you participated in for one year during grades 9 to 12, even those listed in Positions of Leadership section. State name of organization and the grade you were involved, starting with most recent: i.e. Badminton Team, 9.

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Most Valuable Student Application Instructions

Application Guidelines

You must use the official 2003 MVS application. It must be dated and signed by you, your parent(s) or guardian, and Lodge official(s). Typewritten applications are preferred over handwritten submissions. An electronic version is available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Applications and all supporting documents must be in English or English translations.

Completed Application

Your application must be in a 3-hole paper folder. Elaborate bindings, clear plastic, and bulky coverings are discouraged.

Count the ENF application as only 2 pages, whether or not the 4 pages are 2-sided. Do not include pages 5-6 in your application. The completed application should not exceed 20 pages.

Employment and Community Service

List jobs held and community service performed from November 1, 2001, through October 31, 2002. Please list total hours worked, not average hours per week. You will receive 0 points in this section if you do not list your hours as instructed.

Honors and Awards

The following is a list to assist in completion of the Honors and Awards section, page 3. Include awards such as Eagle Scout; Gold Award; Teen of the Year; Statewide or National Conferences (ex: Boy's/Girl's State, HOBY); National Merit Finalist; AP Scholar; major athletic award; and major academic award. **Do not include** awards such as Academic/Athletic Letter; Honor Roll; Perfect Attendance; Scout Merit Badges; Teen of the Month; Top Percent of Class; and Who's Who. These lists are not inclusive. Activity sheets are acceptable replacements for the Employment and Community Service section and page 3, but must be structured identically to the application.

Applicant Essay

You must prepare an essay of 350 words or less stating: the role your leadership has played in high school accomplishments, determining career aspirations, achieving these life goals, and preparing for college. **The essay must be dated and signed.**

Parental Financial Statement

Your parent(s) or guardian must prepare a statement of 200 words or less summarizing the family's obligations and resources. The statement needs to illustrate your need for financial assistance and the inability to meet these needs.

The statement must be signed and dated. Note: Statement may exceed 200 words if parent has been asked to explain extenuating circumstances regarding non-custodial parent (see note under Custodial Parent) or if there are extenuating medical circumstances.

Transcript and SAT/ACT Scores

Include official, complete, current high school transcript of student grades. SAT or ACT test scores must be included, but may be photocopies. Use one set of ACT scores only, or up to two sets of SAT scores.

Transcript may be a photocopy that bears the original signature of the proper school authority. It is not necessary to send a separate sheet of test scores if they are included on your transcript. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the scores are listed on the sealed transcript.

Letters of Recommendation

Include one letter of recommendation from a high school teacher. The letter may cover your ability, work habits, leadership, personality, and integrity.

Include one letter of recommendation from a responsible community member who is not from your high school. The person should not be related to you. The letter may cover your participation in the community in terms of work service, leadership skills, and outstanding recognition.

Letters may be originals or photocopies and must be limited to one side of a single sheet (8.5-by-11-inch) of paper, typed, **dated and signed by the author.**

Exhibits

Attach copies of exhibits of achievement in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, community service, or other activities, but avoid repetition. Examples of exhibits include newspaper articles featuring the applicant or letters of commendation.

Most Valuable Student Application Checklist (Please arrange items in this order.)

- Completed Application (original, typed or neatly printed)
- Applicant Essay
- Parental Financial Statement
- Official Transcript of Grades and SAT/ACT scores
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Copies of Exhibits
- Take application to your local Lodge by January 10, 2003

Elks National Foundation

2003 Most Valuable Student Scholarship Competition
500 Four-Year Awards (For the 2003-04 through 2006-07 academic years)

- 2 First-Place Awards of \$60,000
- 2 Second-Place Awards of \$40,000
- 2 Third-Place Awards of \$20,000
- 494 Fourth-Place Awards of \$4,000
- Total of \$2,216,000

Elks National Foundation Scholarship Guidelines

Eligibility

Any high school senior who is a US citizen is eligible to apply. Male and female students compete separately for identical awards.

Application Process

This application must be filed with the Lodge Scholarship Chairperson, Exalted Ruler, or Secretary of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge having jurisdiction in the area in which the student has legal residence. Applicant usually lives in the jurisdiction of their closest Elks Lodge, regardless of how far it is. To locate the nearest Lodge, go to www.elks.org/locallodges.cfm. Only one application may be filed. The final date for filing completed applications with the Lodge is January 10, 2003.

We require a Social Security number for our records; if you do not have one, you should apply immediately at your nearest Post Office. There is no charge to obtain this number.

After completing this application, make a photocopy for your records. All applications become the property of the B.P.O. Elks of the U.S.A. and the Elks National Foundation.

Applications must advance through local, district, and state competitions to reach the national competition. A student can apply for, but cannot accept, more than one Elks National Foundation scholarship/grant in any one academic year.

Awards

National winners will be notified in writing by the Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation by mid-May 2003. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award issued by the ENF, conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an undergraduate four-year degree program in an accredited US American college or university. (For the first two years of the four-year program, the student may enroll at a two-year college.) Upon receipt of "Verification of Enrollment" form from proper school officials, an Elks National Foundation check for the amount of the award will be forwarded to the college or university to establish a credit for the student. Many Lodges, districts and states award their own scholarships through the MVS program. The ENF is only responsible for administering the 500 national awards.

Scoring

The following Merit Standards will prevail:

Scholarship –ACT/SAT scores	450 points
Transcript	
Leadership – Honors/Awards	350 points
Positions of Leadership	
Organization Participation	
Employment/Community Service	
Overall Application	
Financial Need	<u>200 points</u>
Total	1,000 points

Judging Deadlines

If you do not receive a written response three weeks after the following deadline dates, contact the appropriate person for that level. (i.e. Lodge, District or State Scholarship Chairperson).

January 24	Lodge Judging Completed
February 7	District Judging Completed
March 1	State Judging Completed

Custodial Parent

If your parents are divorced or separated, answer the questions for the parent you lived with the most in the past 12 months. If you lived with both parents an equal number of days in the past 12 months, you would count the parent who provided you with the greatest amount of support, financial as well as material. Material things would include cars, clothing, medical and dental payment, etc. If that parent has remarried, you must include the stepparent's information.

Note: If family has divorced or separated within past five years and the custodial parent has not remarried, you must provide financial information of non-custodial parent. If whereabouts are unknown or non-custodial parent is unwilling to comply, please explain in parental statement.

Independent Student

We will not accept an applicant as an independent student, unless the student is or has been a ward of the Court. We require a copy of a Court Document or a Notarized letter from an appropriate Court Agency (Social Services) certifying to such status.