



MURRAY FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE

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Eli M. and Sally L. Alexander Scholarship Guidelines for applicants

Founding

The Eli and Sally Alexander family has always had strong ties to both Murray State University and Murray High School and places a high value on education. Eli and their 3 sons Eli M. Jr., Jon M., and Stuart B, all graduated from Murray High School and Murray State University. Eli served the Murray Schools for 32 years as a teacher, coach, Principal and Assistant Superintendent; Sally was elected to the Murray Independent School District Board of Education where she served for twelve years; and Stuart has served on the Board since 2000. The Alexander family has created this scholarship to assist others in obtaining an education and preparing for a career.

Selection process

Awards shall be determined by a committee consisting of the Murray Independent School District Scholarship Committee and a member of the Alexander family, and the Chair of the Endowments Committee of the MISD FFE. Final approval of the award selection(s) shall be made by the Alexander family, or representative(s) as long as they are willing and able.

Guidelines for selection

1. Recipient(s) of the scholarship shall be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited university, with preference given to students enrolled at Murray State University.
2. An application for the scholarship can be obtained from the school counselor or downloaded from the Murray Foundation website at <http://www.murrayfoundation.net/>. The completed application and two letters of recommendation shall be sent to the address on the application.
3. The recipient shall be a student who meets the following criteria:
 - a. Athletics–Recipient(s) shall have been enrolled at Murray High School for four consecutive years (freshman to senior) and have been active in any sport at Murray High School;
 - b. Scholarship – Recipient(s) must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale;
 - c. Leadership – Recipient(s) shall demonstrate integrity and good citizenship and preference shall be given to students who have made the greatest contribution to the quality of life at Murray High School through their classroom and extracurricular leadership.
 - d. Need – Community activities and financial need may also be considered.

Application Form
Eli M. and Sally L Alexander Scholarship

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Current (a) Grade Point Average _____ (b) Class Rank ____ (c) composite ACT score _____

College you plan to attend: _____

Intended major: _____ Career plans: _____

Names of parent(s) or guardian(s) _____

Have you applied for federal financial aid? ____yes ____no

List other scholarships for which you will be considered and the dates they will be awarded:

List the name of two persons whom you have asked to send letters of recommendation to the address listed below by the deadline listed below. The recommendation should be from an MHS school official. (example: teacher, coach, principal, etc.)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Return this completed application **no later than March 31** to the MHS Guidance Counselor. Also include a letter outlining personal circumstances and expected resources which make financial assistance necessary.

a) Examples of contribution to the quality of life at MHS through classroom and extracurricular activities

b) athletic activities and achievements _____

c) academic honors and activities _____

d) community service and activities _____

e) work experience (paid or volunteer) _____
