

HESSMAN/FELDMAN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

A \$1,000 scholarship is given every May to a Mercer County High School senior who will be attending a community college or 2 year / 4 year university (in Illinois or Iowa) majoring in Early Childhood, Elementary, or Secondary Education.

Applicant criteria

- 1) Must have a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- 2) No specific class rank is required.
- 3) Must have participated in at least 3 community service activities during high school.
- 4) Must have 2 letters of recommendation from any of their current or former teacher at Mercer County.

A. Personal Information:

1. Student Name _____

2. Mailing Address _____

3. Phone Number Student _____
 Parent _____

4. Email Address Student _____
 Parent _____

5. Parent or Guardian Name (s) _____

6. Student Date of Birth _____

7. Student High School GPA: _____ on a _____ scale

B. School Activities and Honors

1. What school clubs, organizations, or teams have you been a part of in high school **and in what years did you participate?** (please include things like athletic teams, band, FFA, Key Club, choir, student council, scholastic bowl, musical/play, class officer, etc)

2. What honors or academic achievements have you earned in the classroom or any school-related activity? (please include things like academic all-conference, band or choir solo/ensemble ratings, art awards, Honor Roll, FFA honors, club or organization offices held, Nat'l Honor Society, classroom awards from any course, etc)

3. In all of your school experiences, Pre-K through senior year, what was your favorite year, course, or subject? And why?

C. Work Experience: List your full-time, part-time, summer, or volunteer work.

Most Recent: Employer Name _____
Employer Address _____
Employment Dates _____
Employment Duties _____

Previously: Employer Name _____
Employer Address _____
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D. Community Service Activities

1. Please name any community service activities you worked on *and when* (you need **three** to qualify):

2. List all civic organizations or churches you belong to (please include things like 4H here).

E. Plans After High School

1. What are your professional goals after you complete college?

2. Where do you plan to attend in the fall of 2024?

3. What will be your major or area of study in education (if planning to teach in Jr High or High School, please name your planned subject area)?

4. Will you be attending school full time or part time? _____

If part time, why? _____

F. **Short Answer** (*Feel free to type answers on a separate sheet and attach to the application*)

1. Referring to question E.3. on the previous page, please explain why you have chosen to become a teacher at this level or in this subject. Name and describe any teachers you have had, that inspired you to teach this subject matter. Or explain why this level or subject area is so important/interesting to you.

2. Describe your ideal teaching assignment at any school district (touch on any or all of these prompts):

- A) what would an exceptional school district be like in your eyes?
- B) what do you imagine your ideal classroom would be like?
- C) what would an average day be like in your classroom?
- D) how do you see yourself interacting with your future students?
- E) what topics/subjects are you most excited to teach your students?

- G. **Attachments**: Please attach your **high school transcript** (Fall Freshman year to Fall Senior Year) and at least **2 Letters of Recommendation** (coach, employer, teacher, pastor, etc – no parents please). More than 2 letters are welcomed if available. Two Letters of Recommendation **MUST** be from a teacher.