The MISA Student Scholarship is awarded each year to any student currently attending a University or Community College in the state of Michigan. The purpose of this scholarship is to reward both academic and professional achievement.

# **Scholarship Application Requirements**

* Must submit an essay with the required application form. Essay question will vary from year to year.
* Must be attending an accredited Michigan-based college or trade school and have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or better.
* Must have participated in a minimum of 4 hours of local volunteer or community service within the previous 12 months.
* Must be sponsored by an Academic Advisor or Program Dean who can provide information related to the applicant’s academic progress.

# **Optional / Recommended Documentation**

* Participation in organized activities such as coaching or mentoring.
* Membership in academic, professional or hobbyist organizations.
* Awards and recognition.
* Work history.

# **Application Process**

Applicants will be able to acquire the necessary MISA Student Scholarship Application form (MSSA-1) by downloading it electronically from the MISA website [HERE](https://misasom.org/student_scholarship_award.php).

The student is responsible for submitting the completed form and coinciding documents electronically in **PDF format only** by midnight of the due date. No handwritten essays will be accepted, except for required signatures.

Final candidates may be contacted for a personal phone interview as needed.

# **Award Parameters**

* This scholarship will be available to all qualifying applicants whether they have previously won or not.
* This scholarship is not restricted to any specific area of study.
* This scholarship will be paid directly to the Academic Institution in the student’s name. The funds from this scholarship may be used for tuition and/or books only.

**MISA Student Scholarship Essay**

The essay portion of this application is the most critical piece of information to be evaluated. Our committee will be looking at grammar, spelling, articulation and above all, relevance to Information Technology. Be as thorough as possible.

# Essay Requirements

* The Cover Page must include a title, name, and date.
* The essay must be typed using “Times New Roman” font, size 12.
* All margins must be a standard of 1".
* The typed text must be left aligned.
* Paragraphs are identified by an indentation of five spaces (a tab).
* Include the title in the header.
* Include page numbers in the footer.
* Cite any outside references, on a separate last page, under the title “Work Cited” using MLA or APA format.
* The essay, not including the Work Cited page should be between 2 - 3 pages in length as a PDF.

Essay Topics

1. Explain why you should be considered for a MISA Scholarship
2. How do you anticipate Information Technology will affect your life both personally and professionally.

# **Completed Application**

Email completed application and all coinciding documentation (must be in PDF format) to [misastudentawards@misasom.org](mailto:misastudentawards@misasom.org). All applications must be received no later than MM/DD/YY (TBD) by 11:59 PM. Any application received after the stated deadline will not be considered.

**Privacy**

By submitting your application for consideration, you are giving MISA permission to verify the information contained on your application. If you selected as a Scholarship winner, you give MISA permission to publish your name on their website (misasom.org)