

**2007-08 MSU Precollege Scholarship Nomination Form**

Nominees submit the **entire** application packet and all supporting documents by Thursday, November 15, 2007 to your MSU Extension County 4-H Staff person. County staff will add their recommendation and forward to the State 4-H office. (4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp nominees may submit their entire application packet directly to: Judy Ratkos, MSU, 4-H Youth Development, 160 Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1039) (Note: Teacher Recommendations may be submitted to either the county office or Judy Ratkos by Thursday, November 15)

Date:

Program Director's Name:

Judy Ratkos, 4-H Program Leader

Which MSU Precollege Program(s) did you attend?

4-H Exploration Days

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

Nominee's Name:

Last

First

Middle

Nominee's Permanent Address:

House No. & Street

City

State

Zip Code

Nominee's Permanent Phone:

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Nominee's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade GPA:

Nominee's Current School:

Nominee's High School Graduation Date:

To be completed by the Precollege Program Director:

Academic Achievement Award

Nomination is for: (please check one)

Academic Progress Award

Program Director must also complete, sign, and date the Program Director Recommendation and submit it with the nomination packet. The Program Director is responsible for assuring that the entire nomination packet is complete and correct.

**2007-08 MSU Precollege Scholarship Nominee's Personal Essay**

(Approximately 150-200 words)

Use the space below (or attach a separate sheet) to explain your qualifications for this scholarship. Include a description of your academic abilities, how you spend your time outside of school, any obstacles you have overcome in your life, and why you are interested in attending Michigan State University. Successful applicants will provide specific examples of leadership and community engagement.

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Signature of Nominee

Date

**2007-08 MSU Precollege Scholarship Academic Release Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my permission  
(parent/guardian name)

to \_\_\_\_\_ authorizing the release of the  
(name of nominee's middle school releasing records)

academic records of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used in the selection  
(nominee's name)

process of the Michigan State University Precollege Scholarship competition. I understand that the transcript and entire nomination packet become the property of Michigan State University and will not be returned.

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Signature of nominee

Date

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Signature of parent/guardian

Date

## 2007-08 MSU Precollege Scholarship Teacher Recommendation for

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Nominee's name

### Instructions for Nominee:

Please print your name above and then give this form to a core curriculum teacher (such as math, English, science) who can describe your abilities. It should be someone who knows you well enough to answer the questions on the reverse side. Ask the teacher to return the form to the Program Director indicated at the bottom of this page.

### Background/Instructions for Recommending Teacher:

The purpose of the Michigan State University Precollege Scholarship Program is to provide financial and programmatic support to assure preparedness for and access to higher education for middle or junior high school students.

The above named student is being nominated for the MSU Precollege Scholarship because he/she has demonstrated the potential to succeed in college. This nominee believes you are a person who can provide insight into their academic abilities and make a positive contribution to the selection process. If you agree, please answer the questions on the reverse side.

If additional information or assistance is needed, call or e-mail the Program Director. Please return your recommendation to the Director (or MSU Extension County 4-H Staff) by **Thursday, November 15, 2007**. Your cooperation and timely completion of this form are appreciated.

Return to:

Michigan State University  
4-H Youth Development

Director's Name:

Attn: Judy Ratkos

Address:

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160 Agriculture Hall

City/State/Zip Code:

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East Lansing, MI 48824-1039

Phone:

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(517)432-7613

E-mail:

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[ratkos@msu.edu](mailto:ratkos@msu.edu)

FAX:

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(517)355-6748

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**2007-08 MSU Precollege Scholarship Teacher Recommendation for**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's name

1. How long have you known the nominee?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe how you became acquainted with the nominee and the environment in which you have observed the nominee.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Describe the nominee's characteristics that convince you of the nominee's potential to succeed in post-secondary education.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommending teacher's name and title (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommending teacher's address and daytime phone (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommending teacher's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**2007-08 MSU Precollege Scholarship Program Director's Recommendation**

(Page 6 & 7 to be completed by an MSU Precollege Program Director with input from the county MSU Extension 4-H Educator whenever possible)

Nominee's Name & County:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judy Ratkos, MSU, 4-H Youth Development Programs

Program Director's Name:

Circle the Precollege

Program Attended:

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Exploration Days or 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Res. Camp

Please answer the following about the student you are nominating:

1. Describe the nominee's academic achievement. Have they experienced a success in overcoming personal and environmental obstacles?

2. Describe the nominee's participation in extracurricular activities including community service.

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3. Describe the nominee's interactions with your staff and the impact the nominee has had on the program and other students.

4. Please provide any other comments about the nominee that you feel illustrate why they deserve the Precollege Scholarship.

Name of County Staff Providing Input: \_\_\_\_\_

As program director, I take responsibility for verifying that all directions have been followed and requirements for the nomination packet, as stated on the checklist, have been met.

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Signature of Program Director

Date