

2009-10 MSU Precollege Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

- _____ The nominee was/is a participant in a Michigan State University Precollege program.
- _____ The nominee is currently in eighth grade.
- _____ The nominee meets the eligibility requirements of his/her respective MSU Precollege program.
- _____ The nominator is a Michigan State University Precollege Program Director.

2009-10 MSU Precollege Scholarship Nomination Packet Checklist

- _____ MSU Precollege Scholarship nomination form.
- _____ Program Director's recommendation complete with signature. In the case of 4-H members, the county 4-H staff will complete the nomination form and forward it to the 4-H precollege program director.
- _____ Academic release form signed and dated by the nominee's parent/guardian.
- _____ Current academic transcript with cumulative grade point average (GPA).
- _____ Nominee's personal essay of approximately 150-200 words. (Please make sure the nominee's personal essay addresses the specified content requirements).
- _____ Teacher recommendation.

Nomination packet postmarked by **Tuesday, December 1, 2009**, and addressed to:

Judy Ratkos
MSU, 4-H Youth Development
160 Agriculture Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824-1039

This checklist is provided for the nominator's convenience and does not need to be returned.

2009-10 MSU Precollege Scholarship Nomination Form

Nominees (must currently be in 8th grade) submit the **entire** application packet and all supporting documents by Sunday, November 15, 2009, to your MSU Extension County 4-H Staff person. County staff will add their recommendations and forward to the State 4-H Office. (4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp nominees may submit their entire application packets 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 Sunday, 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
Nominee's Name: _____ 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

_____ Last First Middle

Nominee's Permanent Address: _____
House No. & Street

_____ City State Zip Code

Nominee's Permanent Phone: () _____

Nominee's 7th Grade GPA: _____

Nominee's Current School: _____

Nominee's High School Graduation Date: _____

To be completed by the Precollege Program Director:

Nomination is for: (please check one) _____ Academic Achievement Award
_____ 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.

2009-10 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.

Signature of Nominee

Date

2009-10 MSU Precollege Scholarship Academic Release Form

Nominees must obtain a copy of their 7th grade transcript or report card from their school and submit it along with this 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.

Signature of nominee

Date

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

2009-10 MSU Precollege Scholarship Teacher Recommendation for

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 and is currently in 8th grade. 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 **Sunday, November 15, 2009**. 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:

160 Agriculture Hall

City/State/Zip Code:

East Lansing, MI 48824-1039

Phone:

(517)432-7613

E-mail:

ratkos@msu.edu

FAX:

(517)355-6748

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2009-10 MSU Precollege Scholarship Teacher Recommendation for

Nominee's name

1. Is the nominee currently in eighth grade?
2. How long have you known the nominee?
3. Describe how you became acquainted with the nominee and the environment in which you have observed the nominee.
4. 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
Michigan State University
Precollege Scholarship Program

2009-10 MSU Precollege Scholarship Program Director's Recommendation

(Page 7 & 8 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: _____

Program Director's Name: Judy Ratkos, MSU, 4-H Youth Development Programs

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.

Signature of Program Director

Date

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