

Maryland Public Schools State Cheerleading Scholarship Information

The Maryland Public Schools State Cheerleading Program recognizes the achievements of graduating seniors. MPSSC is offering a total of three non-renewable college scholarships this year. Three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. These awards will be announced at the State Competition on February 13, 2019. The application process includes an essay, recognition of school & volunteer work, recommendations, and demonstration of talent.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to receive this scholarship, the recipient must:

1. be a high school Senior in any cheer program participating in MPSSC.
2. participate on both the Fall & Winter Teams for their current high school.
3. have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
4. plan to enroll in a 2-year or 4-year college or university for Fall 2019.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants will need to submit an application, school/community involvement form, personal essay, coach/teacher recommendation form, official transcript, individual photo and cheer skills video. All information must be postmarked and sent to the MPSSC Scholarship Committee by January 28, 2019 (postmark date). Incomplete information, unacceptable video format, or those not postmarked by the deadline will NOT be considered. Finalists will be notified via email no later than February 10th and awarded at the State Competition on February 13, 2019. Payment of scholarship will be mailed to scholarship winner's home address upon receiving a copy of an acceptance letter from their 2-year or 4-year college.

Scholarship Check List

___ **Application**

___ **School/Community Involvement Form:** Have an organization leader verify and sign the attached form. Duplicate as needed.

___ **Participant Essay:** “How will you use the skills acquired through cheerleading to help attain your future goals?” and “Why are you deserving of this scholarship?” Write a minimum one page typed essay (Times New Roman, 12pt. font, 1” margins)

___ **Coaches/Teachers Recommendation Form:** Have a teacher and current high school cheer coach fill out the attached forms.

___ **Official transcript:** Provide a copy of your high school transcript in a sealed envelope with Registrar’s signature and school seal.

___ **Cheer Skills video:** (CD/DVD ONLY) Refer to information provided for video requirements.
Will not be returned.

___ **Individual photo** (wallet or 3x5 size, headshot only) *Will not be returned*

Please submit all information by January 28, 2019 to:

**MHSCCA
1363 Progress Way
#1310
Eldersburg, MD 21784**

*Please pack all DVD's securely.
All information needs to be postmarked to the committee.
Applications will **ONLY** be accepted by postal service.*

MPSSC Scholarship Application

Please type or neatly write your information on this form. This form, along with the other required materials, **must be postmarked no later than January 28, 2019** in order to be considered.

Participant's Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

What college/university are you planning to attend? _____

Intended Major/Minor: _____

What is your application status? (applied/accepted, etc.) _____

School Information:

What high school do you attend? _____

Address of School: _____

Current GPA: _____

Participants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Directions for Essay & Video

Scholarship Essay

Answer both questions.

“How will you use the skills acquired through cheerleading to help attain your future goals?”

“Why do you feel you are deserving of this scholarship?”

Submit an essay on the above questions. Write at least a one page typed essay (Times New Roman, 12pt. font, 1” margins). Good writing skills are a must.

Cheer Skills Video Instructions:

1. Applicant must be in school uniform.
2. All skills must be performed on a mat or rubberized surface.
3. All NFHS Spirit Rules must be followed.
4. Video must include in the following order:
 - **Introduction** – name and program you represent
 - **Cheer** - may include jumps and tumbling
 - **Dance** – show at least five 8-counts
 - **Jumps** – demonstrate 3 jumps of choice
 - **Tumbling** – show a standing back handspring, round off back handspring- minimum. Any additional passes or standing skills are welcome.
 - **Stunts** – extension and liberty – minimum. Please demonstrate two additional stunts. You may be a flyer, base or back spot, no front spots.

School/Community Involvement Form

Directions: Please complete all sections. The purpose of this is for you to provide an opportunity to share with the MPSSC Scholarship Committee how you exemplify character, leadership and service.

School/Community Related Activities. List all activities in which you have participated during high school (outside of cheerleading) and within your community. Include clubs, teams, musicals, groups etc. Please note that no credit can be awarded for activities without sponsor contact information and signature. Contact information includes an email address or phone number.

Activity	Dates & Hours Participated	Description of Work	Sponsor/Contact Information	Sponsor Signature

MPSSC Scholarship Teacher Recommendation Form

This form is to be filled out by a teacher in your school.

Please fill out this form with respect to _____, who is applying for a scholarship given by the Maryland Public Schools State Cheerleading.

Please fill this out and return to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. We will not accept it unless returned in this manner.

Teacher's name: _____

School: _____

Contact phone #: _____ Email: _____

How do you know the applicant? _____

How long have you known this applicant? _____

Do you know of any school activities, other than cheerleading, in which the applicant participates?

What are the applicant's academic strengths? _____

Why do you feel that this applicant is an excellent candidate for this scholarship? _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

MPSSC Scholarship Coach Recommendation Form

This form is to be filled out by your current high school cheerleading coach.

Please fill out this form with respect to _____, who is applying for a scholarship given by the Maryland Public Schools State Cheerleading.

Please fill out this form and return to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. We will not accept it unless returned in this manner.

Coach's name: _____

Contact phone #: _____ Email: _____

How long have you coached the applicant? _____

What are the applicant's stunting skills? _____

What role has the applicant played on your team? In other words, what has the applicant done to contribute to the team? _____

List any awards or achievements that the applicant has received during his/her cheerleading career: _____

Do you feel that this applicant is an excellent candidate for this scholarship? Why or Why not?

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____