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SAMARITAN SCHOLAR AWARD

MAXIMIZING POTENTIAL - ADVANCING EXCELLENCE

Initiated by the Samaritan Foundation of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Samaritan Scholar Awards are presented through the Michigan State University Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities in the amount of \$3,000 each to five undergraduate students with disabilities. These scholarships provide educational support to sophomores, juniors, or seniors with disabilities who are United States citizens and have financial need. The awards are intended to enhance opportunity for students who demonstrate the capacity to achieve educational goals and to further efforts toward a productive career. Recipients are encouraged to recognize this program as an investment in ability and are in turn challenged to invest in others by contributing as a donor to this program as they achieve success in a professional career.



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Please print legibly or type your responses to each item below. To be eligible for consideration your application must be received with all supporting documentation by noon, February 20 (or on the following Monday should February 20 fall on a weekend). Submit all documentation by mail or directly to your RCPD Specialist (Attention: Samaritan Scholar Award).

Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Local Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Local Address: _____

Home Address: _____

1. Current class level:

Sophomore (28 – 55 earned credits)

Junior (56 – 87 earned credits)

Senior (88 – 120 earned credits)

2. Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ Yes _____ No

3. Declared major: _____

4. Admissions Status: (check one and fill in the blanks)
- I am admitted to Michigan State University and will begin enrollment as of _____ (semester and year) as a transfer student.
- I have been enrolled at Michigan State University since _____ (semester and year).
5. Expected completion date of undergraduate program: _____
6. Major academic advisor: _____ Phone: _____
7. Name of your RCPD Specialist: _____

In the table below, list and describe your involvement in student/pre-professional organizations. Include any leadership position you have held in the organization or group. Be sure to include RCPD involvement. Use additional pages if necessary.

Date (start/end)	Organization	Description of Involvement

In the table below, indicate awards, scholarships, or other honors you have received. Use additional pages if necessary.

Date	Awards/Scholarships/Honors	Description

In the table below, outline all funding sources for your education as an MSU student (for the year the award will be used). Use additional pages if necessary.

Cost	Source of Funding	Description

My signature below certifies that my responses to all items are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my application may be rendered invalid if information provided contains inaccuracy or omission. If selected as a Samaritan Scholar, I agree to: (1) Submit a letter of appreciation and acceptance of the scholarship to the donors within three weeks of the announcement of winners, and (2) attend the RCPD Awards Reception. If extenuating circumstances prevent your attendance, contact RCPD prior to the reception.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Required Attachments

The following attachments must be submitted with the completed application form in order to be considered.

1. Reference letters: Please include two letters of reference from faculty members, academic advisors or others familiar with your abilities and life goals. At least one of these letters must be from a university faculty member.
2. Copies of academic transcripts summarizing your academic performance for the most recent four years of academic study.
3. Documentation of disability if not already on file with RCPD. (Refer to web site for information on documentation. www.rcpd.msu.edu)
4. Write three brief essays, one for each of the following three topics. Limit your essay to one page or less.
 - A. Describe your disability and how it has affected you (i.e., professional goals, self image, etc.).
 - B. Describe how your undergraduate studies will prepare you for your career and personal goals.
 - C. If you are awarded this scholarship, how do you plan to use it?

*If you need accommodations in completing this application, please contact your RCPD specialist.