

# Insider's Guide to Earning An MEF Scholarship!



# What is The Mapleton Education Foundation?

**Mapleton Education Foundation's mission is to nurture the greatness in every student by affording opportunities and supplying necessary resources to turn dreams into reality.**

## **MEF TEACHER SUPPORT PROGRAMS:**

- Marchi Teacher Innovation Grants
- Sunshine Fund

## **MEF STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS:**

- Thirty scholarships each year totaling over \$200,000
- Make-a-Difference Fund
- Wolverine Welcome
- Mapleton Holiday Shop
- District Priority Program

# Who is the Mapleton Education Foundation



**Thomas Hernandez**  
Executive Director



**Mapleton Education Foundation Board of Directors**



**Beth Ann Rosa**  
Director



# Mapleton Education Foundation Scholarships

- **WHEN TO APPLY:** The application opens January 31<sup>st</sup> , and ***closes March 5<sup>th</sup> at exactly 3:30 P.M.***
- **WHERE TO APPLY:**  
**[www.mapletonedfoundation.org](http://www.mapletonedfoundation.org)**

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## PREPARE BEFORE YOU APPLY:

- Complete FAFSA (or CASFA) and know your Student Aid Index [SAI]
- Transcript ready to upload
- Parent/Guardian name and phone number
- Financial Plan answers ready to *paste*
- Personal Statement answers proofed ready to upload
- List of volunteering, sports and activities
- Photos ready to upload
- Bonus Point: Upload a recommendation from someone other than current teacher or PSOC

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## Which best describes your plan for after high school?

### OPTIONS:

- Attend a 4-year college
- Attend a 2-year college
- Attend a 2-year college and then transfer to a 4-year college
- Attend a vocational or technical school

### HOW TO GET A PERFECT SCORE:

Give this one some thought! Your answer will help match an award to your plans.



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Please check all that apply to you \*

- Graduating senior from Mapleton Public Schools
- Eligible and planning to attend a COLORADO PUBLIC accredited COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY in the next academic year
- Eligible and planning to attend an OUT-OF-STATE OR PRIVATE accredited COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY in the next academic year
- Eligible and planning to attend a VOCATIONAL or TECHNICAL school in the next academic year
- Eligible and planning to attend an APPRENTICESHIP program in the next academic year
- Mapleton student athlete (in a sport where you can letter)
- Struggled in high school but turned it around and currently has a cumulative GPA ranging from 1.8 - 2.6
- Completed FAFSA [or CASFA] and my Student Aid Index [SAI] is at or below \$16,640
- Interested in a career in mental health (psychology, psychiatry, counseling, social work, etc.) or law enforcement
- Interested in pursuing a degree in engineering, business management or some aspect of construction
- Interested in studying engineering technology, business management or environmental sciences
- Not a US Citizen
- Current participant in the District's band, orchestra, or choir programs
- Interested in a career in science

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## INTRODUCTION:

Please introduce yourself (name, school you attend, something you would like for us to know about you)? (100 min-200 max words)



## HOW TO GET A PERFECT SCORE:

Answer is proofed, engages the reader and provides an authentic and memorable insight into who the applicant is.

## RESOURCES ON PERSONAL RESPONSES:

- [How to Write an OUTSTANDING Personal Statement College: A Crash Course](#)
- [How To Write A University Personal Statement in 10 MINUTES](#)
- [How To Write Scholarship Essays \(2022\)](#)



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## PERSONAL STATEMENT ( Question 1):

What are your strengths, and how do they help shape your education and career goals?

(100 min-200 max words)

### HOW TO GET A PERFECT SCORE:

Answer is proofed, engages the reader and provides an authentic and memorable insight into strengths the applicant processes. Goals are connected to strengths and suggest self-reflection.



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## PERSONAL STATEMENT (Question 2):

What has been a valuable experience you have had while attending Mapleton (JROTC, music programs, art programs, science fair, school club, etc.), and what did you learn from it?  
(100 min-200 max words)

### HOW TO GET A PERFECT SCORE:

Answer is proofed, engages the reader, and provides an authentic and memorable insight into the applicant's experience in Mapleton. Example depict a strong connection to community.

STUDENT  
CLUBS  
AND  
ORGANIZATIONS

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT ( Question 3):

How might your success in the next five years be positive for your life as well as your family and/or community?  
(100 min-200 max words)

### HOW TO GET A PERFECT SCORE:

Answer is proofed and provides authentic and memorable insight into realistic and specific positive future outcomes related to the applicant's strengths and goals.



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## RESUME INFORMATION:

### DIRECTIONS:

1. List your volunteering, sports and activities
2. How did you grow and how might the experience connect to your future?  
(50 min -150 max words)

### HOW TO GET A PERFECT SCORE:

Applicant demonstrates a deep and sustained commitment to one or more activities outside of the classroom environment. Applicant has held a leadership position and/or has been the recipient of honors or awards.

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## FINANCIAL PLAN:

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS LOOK LIKE:

1. Name of college
2. First year cost to attend
3. FAFSA grant
4. FAFSA loans
5. Work study award
6. Other scholarships you will apply for
7. Any special circumstances related to you financial planning
8. Please provide a brief description of your financial plan

<https://www.univstats.com/comparison/states/colorado/cost-of-attendance/>

### HOW TO GET A PERFECT SCORE:

Financial plan is thorough and based on accurate and confirmable numbers from the college, financial aid, family contribution, other scholarships, grants, and work study. The plan describes how the student will pay these costs.

### CHECK-OUT THIS COLLEGE'S NET PRICE ESTIMATOR:

<https://www.ucdenver.edu/tuition-cost/net-price-calculator>

### CHECK-OUT THE COLORADO REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS DIRECTORY:

<https://socgov13.force.com/apprenticeshipdirectory/s/>

**To compare Colorado colleges costs**



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Financial Plans ▾ Delete Save Changes Close

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**Name of school or program: \***  
This field is required

**First year cost to attend: \***  
This field is required  
\$

**FAFSA/CASFA Grant(s): \***  
This field is required

**FAFSA Loan(s): \***  
This field is required

**Work Study Award: \***  
This field is required

**Other scholarship(s) you will apply for: \***  
This field is required

Please describe any special circumstances related to you financial planning:

Please provide a brief description of this financial plan: \*  
This field is required

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## PSOC RECOMMENDATION:

### LOOKS LIKE:

#### PSOC Recommendation Request

Please complete all required fields and click **Submit** at the bottom of the page.

#### PSOC Recommendation Form

Please rate the student on the following:

##### Passion and perseverance for long-term goals \*

- Below Average
- Average
- Above Average
- Exceptional (Top 10%)

##### Growth mindset \*

- Below Average
- Average
- Above Average
- Exceptional (Top 10%)

##### How confident are you that this student will use a scholarship? \*

- Below Average
- Average
- Above Average
- Exceptional (Top 10%)

Additional comments that would be helpful in determining scholarship eligibility:

### HOW TO GET A PERFECT SCORE:

PSOC Recommendation is complete

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## TRANSCRIPTS:

### DIRECTIONS:

Please upload your transcripts.

### RUBRIC:

REVIEW CRITERIA	SCORE DESCRIPTORS		
	5 POINTS	4-3 POINTS	2-1 POINTS
Academic Performance	3.8- 4.0 GPA	3.0 – 3.79 GPA	2.0 – 2.9 GPA



# MEF OFFERS MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF SCHOLARSHIP

Adams County  
Scholarship

Legacy Scholarship

Alan T. Hull Memorial  
Scholarship

"Back on Track"  
Scholarship Offered by  
CoreCivic

John G. Byrd Scholarship

Mapleton Music  
Educators' Scholarship

Rising Star Investment  
Scholarship

Ratkovich Memorial  
Scholarship

## Legacy Scholarships

- \$5,000 scholarship (\$2,500 per year, two-year awards)
- Basic MEF scholarship for which all applicants apply
- Must attend an accredited college, technical school, or certification program in the next academic year.

## Sample Interview Question:

- Describe your future goals and how continuing your education will create a positive impact in your life as well as your family and/or community.

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## Adams County Scholarships

- \$10,000 to \$20,000 scholarship (\$2,500 to \$5,000 per year for four years)
- Must attend public Colorado college in the next academic year
- Financial Aid eligible Student Aid Index [SAI] for 25/26 is less than 250% the highest Pell Eligibility.

## Sample Interview Question:

- Describe how an Adams County Scholarship will assist your future goals and how that may create a positive impact in your life as well as your family and/or community.

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- **Alan T. Hull Memorial Scholarship:** \$2,500 over two years for students interested in a technical degree or apprenticeship
- **Rising Star Scholarship:** \$4,500 over four years for students who turned around their grades and is now ready for post-secondary success
- **John G. Byrd Scholarship:** \$5,000 over two years for student athletes
- **Mapleton Music Educator's Scholarship:** \$1,500 one-year award for students in bank orchestra or choir
- **Ratkovich Memorial Scholarship:** \$1,500 one-year award for students pursuing a career in science

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## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?:

- A panel of experts reviews and scores each application according to the rubric
- Successful applicants will be invited to an interview April 1st-3rd<sup>th</sup>
- Winners are announced by April 24<sup>th</sup>
- Scholarship Breakfast May 16<sup>th</sup>
- Scholarship Orientation June 13<sup>th</sup>



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The path to great starts here.

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## **DECLINING OR DEFERRING YOUR SCHOLARSHIP:**

The MEF requests you contact us to request a one-year deferral if...

- You are completing military basic training
- You have an emergency that will delay your college attendance

The MEF requests you contact us to decline your scholarship if...

- You earn so much financial aid or other scholarship funds that you no longer need it
- You no longer meet the scholarship requirements
- You decide (for certain) not to go to college or trade school

# 2024 MEF Scholarship Winners



# Denise Arroyo Rojas

**Adams County Scholarship  
University of Colorado Boulder**



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**Good Luck with your post-secondary plans!  
MEF is rooting for you!**





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## Post –Secondary Scholarships

### Now Accepting Applications

Deadline: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 no later than 3:30 p.m.



Apply at <https://mapletonfoundation.org/scholarships/>

