

NASDME

The National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education

Albert Lee Wright, Jr. Memorial Migrant Scholarship

2012 Application Guidelines

Purpose: To honor a migrant farmworker student who has overcome barriers presented by mobility, who has performed strongly academically and who has provided service to his/her community. NASDME intends this \$3,000 scholarship to go to a mobile student or students who have attended more than one school in a year and/or who have traveled on their own or with a parent or guardian in pursuit of qualifying agricultural or agriculture-related work in the summer or regular school term. Students who have not moved will not be considered for this scholarship. Scholarships will be given only to graduating high school students entering college for the first time.

Eligibility: A selection committee will screen candidates on the following criteria:

- Recent history of movement for agricultural employment
- Scholastic achievement
- Financial need

Application Process: A completed application form must be **received** at the address specified below by **Friday, March 16, 2012** accompanied by:

- Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a school, community or educational agency representative with a personal knowledge of the applicant's character;
- A personal essay of at least 500 words telling about the applicant's background (please include information about disrupted schooling and barriers presented because of agriculture/fishing/-related mobility) and career and personal goals, and indicating why he/she should receive this assistance;
- A copy of a high school transcript showing the most recent grades obtained;
- Proof of acceptance and/or enrollment at a post-secondary degree granting institution. **If acceptance is pending, applicant must keep the committee informed by e-mail (angelab@mt.gov) of acceptance as soon as it is received;**
- Financial need documentation in the form of, but not limited to, a copy of the most recent school financial aid form, loan documentation, family tax return (include only the first two pages); or other letter from institution documenting financial aid; descriptive narrative regarding family's financial need;
- Proof of Migrant Education eligibility – (Attach a copy of a "Certificate of Eligibility" showing qualification during the past three calendar years or any time during high school). This can be obtained from a local school district through the migrant education staff.

Submit completed application packet to:

Albert Lee Wright, Jr. Memorial Migrant Scholarship
Angela Branz-Spall, Chair
Office of Public Instruction
PO Box 202501 (1227 11th Ave)
Helena, MT 59620

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Must be RECEIVED by DEADLINE: Friday, March 16, 2012
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. No faxes or electronic transmittal will be accepted. Applicants must use THIS year's form. Please do not use forms from past years.

Who was ALBERT LEE WRIGHT, JR.?

For more than two decades, Al Wright, a native of Louisiana, served as Migrant Education's voice and as the program's quintessential advocate.

Long before e-mails and listservs, Al made sure that migrant educators and other farmworker advocates were kept informed about important national and state developments impacting migrant families through the nationally disseminated publication, MEMO – Migrant Education Messages and Outlook. Al used his remarkable talent as a journalist to portray to MEMO's readers the many challenges faced by farmworker families—this nation's poorest and most disadvantaged people. He was living proof of “the power of the pen.”

Al also served as Migrant Education's historian and archivist, as well as writing many of the National Association of State Directors for Migrant Education reauthorization position papers and developing much of NASDME's testimony to Congress on behalf of Migrant Education. He authored or co-wrote many articles for publication, including, “Children of the Road: Migrant Students, Our Nation's Most Mobile Population” commissioned by the Poverty and Race Research Action Council and published by Howard University. As a member of NASDME's Issues Committee, Al helped author a toolkit for the field entitled, “Giving Migrant Students an Opportunity to Learn.” Al co-authored an article entitled, “A History for Advocacy for Migrant Children and Their Families: More than 30 Years in the Field” for the book, Scholars in the Field, The Challenges of Migrant Education, published by ERIC.

Ensuring access to educational and supportive services for migrant children was a constant and recurrent theme of Al's work and one to which he remained true throughout his career. After his retirement from many years at the Louisiana Department of Education, Al stayed involved with the Migrant Education Program by accepting a job as NASDME's special projects and events coordinator. He skillfully staged several of the annual National Migrant Education Conferences, an event with thousands of participants from throughout the nation and the largest conference of its kind dedicated to the improvement of services to migrant children and their families.

Just as countless children's lives were improved because of Al's life-long work on their behalf, so too were the lives of hundreds of his colleagues across the country just by having known him. Though he was a man who used words fluidly on paper, in person Al Wright was a man of few words. But when he spoke, everyone listened. He was an eloquent, always rational speaker; an articulate debater; a true Southern gentleman – in the best sense of the phrase; and a man of the highest integrity and honesty who could not and would not tolerate injustice.

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APPLICATION FORM

This form must be **received by Friday, March 16, 2012 with required documentation. No application will be accepted after March 16, 2012.** Failure to submit a completed or timely application packet will result in disqualification. This application form may be photocopied. Neatly print or type. Please no faxes or e-mailed applications.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Home Phone number: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Street/Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Address (If different from mailing address) _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of school currently attending

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Applicant school telephone number

School Address

Anticipated date of graduation

Guidance Counselor's Name

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Guidance Counselor's Telephone Number

Name of post-secondary institution to which you have been accepted (attach proof of acceptance)

FAMILY INCOME: In which bracket does your family income fall?

_____ 0-\$ 10,000 _____ \$10,001 - \$15,000 _____ \$ 15,001 - \$20,000 _____ \$ 20,001 - \$ 25,000 _____ \$25,001 - 30,000

_____ \$ 30,001 - \$ 35,000 _____ \$ 35,001 +

Number of persons supported by this income: _____

Please provide supporting documentation.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: PLEASE ITEMIZE AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE

List all financial assistance approved and/or anticipated for the academic year including assistance from parents, loans, scholarships, work-study, etc.		Anticipated expenses for academic year
TYPE	AMOUNT	
		Tuition
		Books
		Housing
		Meals
		Transportation
		Other (please specify)

APPLICANT AGREES to the use of his/her name, photographs and information contained in this application for educational, advertising, and promotional purposes for the Albert Lee Wright, Jr. Memorial Migrant Scholarship and migrant education programs without further compensation or notification. The applicant further agrees to give permission to the post-secondary institution listed to release his/her educational and financial records to a representative of the Albert Lee Wright, Jr. Memorial Migrant Scholarship screening committee. **If selected for this scholarship, the awardee agrees to submit to NASDME at the conclusion of the academic year of the award, a copy of the official transcript from the chosen college or university.**

The information contained on this form and in the application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by these signatures.

Applicant's Signature

Date

***(If applicant is under 18 years of age) Please provide parent/guardian signature below:**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent's/Guardian's Name (printed)

Application Checklist

- Two letters of Reference
- Personal Essay
- Proof of Migrant Education Eligibility:
- Proof of College Enrollment/Acceptance
- Financial Need Documentation
- Completed Application Form 2012 version

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY Friday, March 16, 2012

PLEASE MAIL THE APPLICATION. NO FAXES OR E-MAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ASKED TO PROVIDE TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR A CHAPERONE TO ACCOMPANY THE WINNER TO THE NATIONAL MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM.

BECAUSE THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS BEEN AVAILABLE FOR MULTIPLE YEARS, OLDER COPIES OF THE APPLICATION MAY BE IN EXISTENCE. PLEASE *ONLY* USE THIS 2012 COPY FOR SUBMISSION. DO NOT USE OLDER COPIES.