

# NASDME

The National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education

## Albert Lee Wright, Jr. Memorial Migrant Scholarship

### 2009-2010 Application Guidelines

**Purpose:** To honor a migrant farm worker 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 agricultural-related work in the summer or regular school term. Students who have not moved will not be considered for this scholarship.

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

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

### Application

**Process:** A completed application form must be **received** at the address specified below by **February 26, 2010** 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 his/her background and career and personal goals, and indicating why he/she should receive this assistance;
- A copy of a high school or college 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](mailto:angelab@mt.gov)) of acceptance as soon as it is received;**
- Financial need documentation in the form of a copy of the most recent school financial aid form, loan documentation, or family tax return; or other letter from institution documenting financial aid;
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> Ave)  
Helena, MT 59620

**IMPORTANT REMINDER: Must be RECEIVED by DEADLINE: Friday, February 26, 2010**

**Incomplete applications will not be considered. If there are no eligible candidates in any given year, the screening committee may elect not to give an award. 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 listserves, 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, February 26, 2010 with required documentation. No application will be accepted after February 26, 2010.** Failure to submit a completed application packet will result in disqualification. This application form may be photocopied. Neatly print or type.

### 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

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant school telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated date of graduation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor's Name and phone

( ) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of post-secondary institution to which you have been accepted if different from above (attach proof of acceptance)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

**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, TAP, 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 2009-10 version

**APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY Friday, February 26, 2010**

**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 2009-10 COPY FOR SUBMISSION. DO NOT USE OLDER COPIES.**