The STARR Charitable Foundation Scholarship presents a unique opportunity for students residing in the state of Wyoming or Michigan's upper peninsula.

High school seniors who are residents of Wyoming or Michigan's upper peninsula are invited to apply for this scholarship for attendance at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan.
WHAT IS THE STARR CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP?

This scholarship will pay all regular costs for eight (8) semesters at Michigan State University, the nation’s premier Land Grant University. Benefits include tuition, fees, books, room, board, and incidental expenses as defined by the University, beginning with fall semester of each year.

An anonymous private donor has established the STARR Charitable Foundation Scholarship to provide a unique education opportunity for multiple students from the State of Wyoming or Michigan’s upper peninsula. These are students whose ability to secure a college education may be limited by their family resources.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

To qualify for the scholarship, students must:

1. Demonstrate academic interest and achievement by attaining grade point averages of 3.0 or better in an academic program rich in core subjects. Students with higher academic averages will not be given preference until the following personal traits have been demonstrated.

2. Demonstrate by their record of performance and through recommendations that they are truly ambitious, talented, and enthusiastic in their academic and extracurricular activities.

3. Exhibit leadership traits, to be honed by their academic studies, that are predictive of their capacity to emerge as tomorrow’s leaders — leaders in their communities, businesses and professions.

4. Demonstrate extraordinary skills, talents, curiosity to learn and grow, good moral character and unique characteristics that distinguish them from their peers.

5. Manifest ethical behavior and good character at all times and in all circumstances.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To be considered for this scholarship, students must:

1. Apply for, and be eligible for, admission to Michigan State University as soon as possible, no later than November 1, 2015 of the year prior to entry to MSU. Admission to the University is a prerequisite for any scholarship award. Apply online at www.beaspartan.msu.edu.

All freshman applicants are required to submit either the SAT reasoning test or the ACT with the writing assessment.

2. Submit the attached STARR Charitable Foundation Scholarship application and required essays to Office of Admissions, Hannah Administration Building, 426 Auditorium Road, Room 250, East Lansing, MI 48824-2604 on or before November 1, 2015, prior to the year of entry to MSU. In addition to the application form, four short essays are required. The topics are outlined in this brochure.

3. Arrange for three (3) letters of recommendation from persons who are not related to you and who know you well enough to address how you exemplify the criteria for the award. See Letters of Recommendation section for details.
REQUIRED ESSAYS

The STARR Charitable Foundation Scholarship review panel will focus upon a variety of qualities and characteristics to select the nominees for the award. Refer to the section on criteria in this brochure for more details.

In order to assist the review panel in identifying these qualities, each candidate is expected to prepare a short essay for each of the numbered items below. These short essays are in addition to the personal statement that was submitted with the MSU admissions application. Please limit your response to each item to 250 words.

**Required essay topics:**

1. Describe a meaningful experience, either related to a course or an extracurricular activity, and discuss how this experience exemplifies your ambition and enthusiasm for learning.

2. Discuss a leadership position you held or currently hold. What did you uniquely bring to your role as a leader? What did you learn about yourself and others?

3. Describe a skill or talent that uniquely characterizes you. Provide an example of how you used this ability to positively impact others.

4. Describe a situation in which you faced an ethical dilemma. What did you do and how did it affect you and/or others? What, if anything, would you have done differently?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Three letters of recommendation must be submitted in support of your application. These letters must be from teachers, counselors, employers, or others who know you. They cannot be from anyone who is related to you. These letters must be submitted by November 1, 2015 of the year prior to entry to MSU. Enclosed with this application are three recommendation information sheets. The sheets describe the expected content of the letters of recommendation and the deadline for submission. Please give these to the three individuals you select. Be sure to sign the confidentiality statement, whether or not you intend to waive your right to review the letters.

All application materials must be postmarked by November 1, 2015 to:

Office of Admissions
Hannah Administration Building
426 Auditorium Road, Room 250
East Lansing, MI 48824-2604

If you have questions, Wyoming students may contact Ben Brown at (517) 432-9815 or brownb42@msu.edu. Students in Michigan’s upper peninsula should contact Tania Kurzawa at (906) 360-2196 or kurzawa@msu.edu.

The decision of the STARR Charitable Foundation selection of award recipients will be final.

**DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

- ACT or SAT test scores submitted to MSU directly from the testing agency
- Application for admission
- Scholarship application
- Letters of recommendation
STARR SCHOLARS
Past and Currently Studying At Michigan State University

1998 -1999
Justin Eckland
Dubois HS
Dubois, WY
Jennifer Leadbetter
Riverton HS
Riverton, WY
Cabe Lindsay
Lander Valley HS
Lander, WY

1999-2000
Brian Bieber
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Robert Madsen
Campbell County HS
Gillette, WY
Rachel Miller
Meeteeete Schools
Meeteeete, WY
Bill Novotny
Buffalo HS
Buffalo, WY

2000-2001
Beau Ballinger
Dubois HS
Dubois, WY
Hannah Kliwer
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Cassie Kraft
Encampment School
Encampment, WY
Lisa Lerwick
Albin HS
Pine Bluffs, WY
Susan Richardson
Douglas HS
Douglas, WY

2001-2002
Katie Loveland (Bieber)
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Brian Gregg
Worland HS
Worland, WY
Alejandro (Alex) Gutierrez
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Emily Lewis
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY
Sarah Macean
Pinedale HS
Daniel, WY
Abigail Urish
Lander Valley HS
Lander, WY

2002-2003
James Kalabus
Rock Springs HS
Rock Springs, WY
Travis Menge
Little Snake River Valley HS
Baggs, WY
Chelsea Peterson
Campbell County HS
Gillette, WY
Jacob Hannon
Cody HS
Cody, WY
Ryan Ptasnik
Pinedale HS
Pinedale, WY
Amanda Schulte
Hot Springs County HS
Thermopolis, WY
Tyler Ernst
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Jessica Jensen
Rock Springs HS
Rock Springs, WY
Karren Lewis
Laramie HS
Laramie, WY
Brenna Miller
Wheatland HS
Wheatland, WY
Jeremiah Randle
Laramie HS
Cheyenne, WY
Andrew Temme
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Ya Wen
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Richard Danforth
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Megan Gebhart
Campbell County HS
Gillette, WY
Melissa Lovato
Rock Springs HS
Rock Springs, WY
Emma Rahme
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY

2003-2004
Jay Shah
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Meghan Conner
East HS
Cheyenne, WY
David Crawford
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY
Steven Kapesel
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Andrew Krause
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY
Spencer Nordwick
Douglas HS
Douglas, WY
Ericka Stender
Sheridan HS
Sheridan, WY

2004-2005
Hayes Heimbaugh
Niobrara County HS
Lusk, WY
April Zander
Cheyenne East HS
Cheyenne, WY
Abby Christiansen
Shoshone Learning Center
Casper, WY
Jonathan Hamilton
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY
Erin Kelly
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Skylar Lashley
Lingle Fort Laramie HS
Lingle, WY
Kendra Lyons
Teton HS
Driggs, WY

2005-2006
Widya Addiharma
Laramie HS
Laramie, WY
Kira Brazinski
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY
Nicholas Dziodosz
Rock Springs HS
Rock Springs, WY
Kaiser Mock
Campbell County HS
Gillette, WY
Christie Teske
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY

2006-2007
Travis Menge
Little Snake River Valley HS
Baggs, WY
Chelsea Peterson
Campbell County HS
Gillette, WY
Jacob Hannon
Cody HS
Cody, WY
Ryan Ptasnik
Pinedale HS
Pinedale, WY
Amanda Schulte
Hot Springs County HS
Thermopolis, WY
Tyler Ernst
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Jessica Jensen
Rock Springs HS
Rock Springs, WY
Karren Lewis
Laramie HS
Laramie, WY
Brenna Miller
Wheatland HS
Wheatland, WY
Jeremiah Randle
Laramie HS
Cheyenne, WY
Andrew Temme
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Ya Wen
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY

2007-2008
Richard Danforth
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Megan Gebhart
Campbell County HS
Gillette, WY
Melissa Lovato
Rock Springs HS
Rock Springs, WY
Emma Rahme
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY

2008-2009
Jennifer Andrews
Cheyenne Central HS
Cheyenne, WY
Amelia Wiggins
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Angela Kruse
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY
Spencer Nordwick
Douglas HS
Douglas, WY
Ericka Stender
Sheridan HS
Sheridan, WY

2009-2010
Nadia Chupka
Sault HS
Sault Sainte Marie, MI
Kegan Cochrane
Laramie HS
Laramie, WY
Jessica Harris
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Skeeter Judd
Douglas HS
Douglas, WY
Raziel Lavalais
Cheyenne East HS
Cheyenne, WY
Allison McKenzie
Sault Area HS
Sault Sainte Marie, MI
Ashley Thomas
Gladsden HS
Gladsden, MI
Sarah Tesderedd
Negaunee HS
Negaunee, MI
Keara White
Cody HS
Cody, WY
Mallory Wilson
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY

2010-2011
Widya Addiharma
Laramie HS
Laramie, WY
Kira Brazinski
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY
Nicholas Dziodosz
Rock Springs HS
Rock Springs, WY
Kaiser Mock
Campbell County HS
Gillette, WY
Christie Teske
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY

2011-2012
Christina Andrews
Cheyenne Central HS
Cheyenne, WY
Amelia Wiggins
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Angela Kruse
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY
Spencer Nordwick
Douglas HS
Douglas, WY
Ericka Stender
Sheridan HS
Sheridan, WY

2012-2013
Nadia Chupka
Sault HS
Sault Sainte Marie, MI
Kegan Cochrane
Laramie HS
Laramie, WY
Jessica Harris
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Skeeter Judd
Douglas HS
Douglas, WY
Raziel Lavalais
Cheyenne East HS
Cheyenne, WY
Allison McKenzie
Sault Area HS
Sault Sainte Marie, MI
Ashley Thomas
Gladsden HS
Gladsden, MI
Sarah Tesderedd
Negaunee HS
Negaunee, MI
Keara White
Cody HS
Cody, WY
Mallory Wilson
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY

2013-2014
Margaret Born
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Jazaniah Catterall
Rock Springs HS
Rock Springs, WY
Ian Hyslop
Houghton HS
Houghton, MI
Lucas Jarrett
Encampment HS
Encampment, WY
Lydia Kurin
Marquette HS
Marquette, MI
Amber Martin
Hanna-Elk Mountain HS
Hanna, WY
Danielle Nicklas
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson Hole, WY

2014-2015
Anna Backman
Dollar Bay HS
Dollar Bay, MI
Parker Dodson
River HS
River, WY
Bradley Doherty
Natrona County HS
Casper, WY
Juliette Givhan
Cheyenne East HS
Cheyenne, WY
Jake Gray
Kelly Walsh HS
Casper, WY
Marissa Jacks
West Iron County HS
Caspian, MI
Brandon Kortum
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson Hole, WY
Katlynn Kretz
Worland HS
Worland, WY
Casey Pepin
Sault Area HS
Sault Sainte Marie, MI

2015-2016
Judy Chen
Sheridan HS
Sheridan, WY
Benjamin Coliander
Houghton HS
Houghton, MI
Katherine Edwards
Marquette HS
Marquette, MI
Ingrid Flaspohler
Houghton HS
Hancock, MI
Hayden Harris
Cokeville HS
Cowley, WY
Kayla Makela
Houghton HS
Houghton, MI
Calla Martyz
Marquette HS
Marquette, MI
Amanda Mattila
Jeffers HS
Toivola, MI
Gretnchen Moretti
Powell HS
Powell, WY
Brandon Okray
Campbell County HS
Gillette, WY
Logan Ryan
Kingsford HS
Kingsford, MI
Carly Suriano
Sault Area HS
Sault Sainte Marie, MI
Harli Wood
Jackson Hole HS
Jackson, WY