

# Minnesota High Tech Foundation (MHTF) Scholarship Application

The Minnesota High Tech Foundation (MHTF) will award scholarships to undergraduate students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) disciplines. These awards include up to three \$10,000 awards. The purpose of the scholarship program is to strengthen Minnesota's future technology workforce by providing financial support to undergraduate students of accredited, Minnesota-based higher education institutions pursuing careers in STEM or STEM teaching. These esteemed awards provide a unique opportunity for students to meet Minnesota business leaders and network into future careers and internships.

The \$10,000 scholarships are managed by the MHTF and sponsored by Minnesota businesses and will be paid in equal dividends as part of a multi-year program. Students receiving the \$10,000 awards will be recognized at the Minnesota High Tech Association (MHTA) Spring Conference where more than 500 companies will gather to share information on current technology trends and the global economy in the Spring of 2011. Students who receive the \$10,000 multi-year awards are required to attend the MHTA Spring Conference.

Applications will be reviewed by members of the MHTF Board of Directors. The MHTF Board of Directors represents Minnesota companies and higher education institutions committed to the development of a well-educated workforce for Minnesota's technology industry. The MHTF Board of Directors supports diversity in the application and award process.

<u>Applications for the MHTF scholarship program must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by November 23, 2010, for consideration.</u> Applicants will be notified of award status by February 28, 2011.

# **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Must be pursuing an undergraduate degree in Computer Science or Computer Science related field.
- Only students with sophomore through junior status for the 2010-2011 school year from an
  accredited, Minnesota-based higher education institution may apply. Sophomore status
  may include students who have achieved this status via advanced placement (AP) credit or
  post secondary options (PSEO).

## Send completed application to:

Minnesota High Tech Foundation
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2470 Highcrest Road Suite 100
Roseville, MN 55113

Email: jharrison@mhta.org Fax: 952.230.4550

Please direct questions in email format to <u>iharrison@mhta.org</u>. Incomplete applications cannot be accepted. Please review your application for errors and exclusions before submitting.

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## **Applicant Data**

Current Status (please circle one): FR (1st Year) SO (2nd Year) JR (3rd Year) Students' status may include college credits received as part of AP credit or PSEO programs. Current Campus/ University/ College Name: \_\_\_\_\_ What institution will you attend during the 2010 – 2011 School year? University of Minnesota Minnesota State Colleges & Universities Minnesota Private Colleges 2010 -2011 Campus/University/College Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA in Major: \_\_\_\_ Current overall GPA\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_ E-mail address: Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (please mark one): \_\_\_M \_\_\_F Race/ Ethnicity Category (please mark one): American Indian or Alaska Native \_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_ Black or African American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander \_\_\_ White More than one race Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend a post secondary institution? \_\_\_ No (please mark one) Yes Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Advisor: Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_ Email address: Have you received any grants or scholarships for the current academic year? YES NO (circle one) If yes, list the grant/scholarship sources and their dollar amount: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have you applied for a previous MHTF Scholarship: Yes No If yes, indicate year:

Have you been the recipient of a MHTF Scholarship: Yes No If yes, indicate year:

**Essay Questions** (Please complete all questions. Write 100 words or less per response)

- 1. Summarize your academic accomplishments in your major program of study. This should focus on coursework or special projects.
- 2. Summarize accomplishments in research, community service, teaching or work that relates to your interest in STEM.
- 3. How are you paying for college and how will the scholarship enhance your collegiate experience?
- 4. Explain your future academic or career goals after completing your undergraduate degree and how will your career path benefit Minnesota?
- 5. Please list any other information pertaining to life circumstances, academics, volunteerism, or interests that you would like us to know.

# Minnesota High Tech Foundation (MHTF) Scholarship Application Cont.

# Letter(s) of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required and must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by the application deadline of November 23, 2010. One letter must be from a current professor or academic advisor in the major program of study. Letters of recommendation must include the contact information of the writer. Letters of recommendation should be submitted directly to MHTF from the student's reference separately from the application. Two letters are required; additional letters will not be read.

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#### Resume:

Please submit a resume outlining your academic, work, research/or community service involvement.

#### **Proof of Unmet Need:**

Please provide a copy of your "Financial Aid Award Letter" (please provide the entire letter received from the Financial Aid Office for the current school year).

## **Informal Transcript:**

A copy of the student's transcript should be attached to the application. MHTF will accept informal transcripts.

## **Terms of Agreement**

I agree to provide additional information if it will assist the organization in evaluating my application. I understand that if I receive a \$10,000 multi-year award I am required to attend the MHTA Spring Conference, spring 2011. I understand that if I am selected a recipient of any scholarship award, my name will be used in various publications to promote the Tekne Awards, MHTA Spring Conference, and the MHTF scholarship program.

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Internships	Mentoring Relationships	Job Opportunities
Applicant Signature:	Date:	