

## 2011 MSU Precollege Scholarship Nominee Eligibility Requirements Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ The nominee was/is a participant in a Michigan State University Precollege program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The nominee is currently in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The nominee will only be considered once for this scholarship and may only submit one application in grades 8-10.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The nominee meets the eligibility requirements of his/her respective MSU Precollege program.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The nominator is a Michigan State University Precollege Program Director.

## 2011 Precollege Scholarship Nomination Packet Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ MSU Precollege Scholarship nomination form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic release form signed and dated by the nominee's parent/guardian
- \_\_\_\_\_ Academic transcript (report card is acceptable) with cumulative grade point average (GPA) from the most recently completed year of attendance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nominee's application question responses (limited to the space provided on the front side of the form included in this packet)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher recommendation in a sealed/signed envelope and returned to the nominee by October 1, 2011 to be included with the other application materials
- \_\_\_\_\_ Program Director's recommendation complete with signature. **(In the case of 4-H Exploration Days applicants, the county 4-H staff should receive all other parts of the application by September 26 to complete the Program Director's recommendation form and forward it to the 4-H Exploration Days program director.)**

Nomination packet postmarked by **October 7, 2011**, and addressed to:

Judy Ratkos  
MSU, 4-H Youth Development  
160 Agriculture Hall  
East Lansing, MI 48824-1039

**This checklist is for the nominator and nominee's convenience and does not need to be returned.**

## 2011 MSU Precollege Scholarship Nomination Form

4-H Exploration Days nominees must submit the **entire** application packet and all supporting documents by **Monday, September 26, to your MSU Extension County 4-H Staff person.** County staff will add their recommendation and forward it to Judy Ratkos to the State 4-H Office by October 7.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Title: 4-H Exploration Days

Director's Name: Judy Ratkos, MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Nominee's Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
House No. & Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip Code

Nominee's Permanent Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Grade GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's High School  
Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director must also complete, sign, and date the Program Director Recommendation and submit it with the nomination packet. The Program Director is responsible for assuring that the entire nomination packet is complete and correct.

**2011 MSU Precollege Scholarship Academic Release Form**

**Nominees must obtain a copy of their school transcript or report card for the full year of their last completed grade and submit it along with this Academic Release Form.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give my permission  
(parent/guardian name)

to \_\_\_\_\_ authorizing the release of the  
(name of nominee's school releasing records)

academic records of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used in the selection  
(nominee's name)

process of the Michigan State University Precollege Scholarship competition. I confirm that at the time this application is being submitted, the nominee is currently in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade. I understand that the transcript and entire nomination packet become the property of Michigan State University and will not be returned.

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Signature of nominee

Date

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Signature of parent/guardian

Date

## **2011 MSU Precollege Scholarship Nominee's Application Questions**

Please limit your responses to the space provided on front side of this form.

1. Describe your academic abilities. What subjects do you most like to study, and why are these of interest to you?
2. Think about your long-term goals. What would you like to do for your career, and what do you think you need to do to get there?
3. How do you spend your time outside of the classroom? What activities and leadership roles have you experienced, and what have you learned about yourself and working with others from these involvements?
4. What other information would you like to share about yourself with the scholarship selection committee?

## 2011 MSU Precollege Scholarship Teacher Recommendation for

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's name

### Instructions for Nominee:

Please print your name above and then give this form to a core curriculum teacher (such as math, English, science) who can describe your abilities. The teacher cannot be a relative. It should be someone who knows you well enough to answer the questions on the reverse side. Ask the teacher to return the form to you as described below.

### Background/Instructions for Recommending Teacher:

The purpose of the Michigan State University Precollege Scholarship Program is to provide financial and programmatic support to assure preparedness for and access to higher education for students in middle, junior high, or early high school.

The above named student is being nominated for the MSU Precollege Scholarship because he/she has demonstrated the potential to succeed in college. This nominee believes you are a person who can provide insight into their academic abilities and make a positive contribution to the selection process. If you agree, **please answer the questions on the reverse side.**

If additional information or assistance is needed, call or e-mail the Program Director listed below. Please return your recommendation to the nominee in a sealed envelope with your signature over the seal by October 1, 2011. Your cooperation and timely completion of this form are appreciated.

Director's Name: Judy Ratkos

Phone: 517-432-7613

E-mail: ratkos@msu.edu

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## 2011 MSU Precollege Scholarship Teacher Recommendation for

\_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's name

1. Is the nominee currently in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade?
2. How long have you known the nominee?
3. Describe how you became acquainted with the nominee and the environment in which you have observed the nominee.
4. Describe the nominee's characteristics that convince you of the nominee's potential to succeed in post-secondary education.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommending teacher's name and title (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommending teacher's address and daytime phone (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommending teacher's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**2011 MSU Precollege Scholarship Program Director's Recommendation**

(Pages 7 & 8 to be completed by the MSU Precollege Program Director with input from the county MSU Extension 4-H Staff for 4-H Exploration Days nominees.)

Nominee's Name & County: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Director's Name: Judy Ratkos, MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs

Precollege Program Title: 4-H Exploration Days

Please answer the following about the student you are nominating:

1. Describe the nominee's academic achievement. Have they experienced a success in overcoming personal and environmental obstacles?

2. Describe the nominee's participation in extracurricular activities including community service.

3. Describe the nominee's interactions with your staff and the impact the nominee has had on the program and other students.

4. Please provide any other comments about the nominee that you feel illustrate why they deserve the Precollege Scholarship.

Name of MSUE County Staff Providing Input: \_\_\_\_\_

As program director, I take responsibility for verifying that all directions have been followed and requirements for the nomination packet, as stated on the checklist, have been met.

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Signature of Precollege Program Director

Date