



MDS Founders' Scholarship

Who Could Be a Founders' Scholar?

Any new student entering 5th -8th grades who is accepted for admission and demonstrates academic excellence and the potential to make a difference for the greater good. Students selected as Founders Scholars will receive a grant of 75% tuition reduction.

Qualification Requirements

Student must have an A average (3.5 or higher) and be entering grades 5th – 8th.

- Score at 93rd percentile on standardized test or standard score at or above 125 on standardized IQ test.
- Parents/student must submit a MDS admissions application and Founders Scholarship Application and all supporting documents by May 15.
- Student must attend a half day school visit prior to May 15.

Finalists

Founders Scholarship Finalists will be selected based on their admissions application, school visit, and supporting documents. Selected finalists will interview with the Founders' Scholarship Committee and will be notified thereafter.

Founders' Scholarship Important Dates

Date(s)	Time	Item
March 1- May 15		Applicants complete and submit all application materials
March 1- May15	8:00-11:50	Attend a half day visit within this time period
May 2- May 15-20		Finalists Selected
May 20-25		Selected Finalists Interview with Selection Committee
May 25		Founders Scholars Selected
May 25		Founders Scholars Notified

Additional Information

For more information about the school or the Founders' Scholarship, please call Melanie Mikusa, Head of School at 828-437-6782 or visit the website at www.morgantondayschool.com. The middle school is located at 305 W. Concord Street, Morganton.

Morganton Day School admits students of any race, color, religion, family structure, or national or ethnic origin.



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Currently enrolled students are not eligible for merit scholarship consideration.

Founders' Scholarship Application

Student's Name _____		
First	Middle	Last
Student's Primary Address _____		
Street	City, State, Zip	Home Phone
At Student's primary address:		
Parents/Guardian's Full Name	Primary Email	Cell Phone
Parents/ Guardian's Full Name	Primary Email	Cell Phone
At student's secondary address if applicable:		
Parents/Guardian's Full Name	Primary Email	Cell Phone
Parents/ Guardian's Full Name	Primary Email	Cell Phone

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

- A. **APPLICATIONS:** Submit Founders Scholarship Application and MDS Admission Application by May 15 to MDS, 305 W. Concord Street, Morganton, NC 28655. All application materials can be found at www.morgantondayschool.com or can be requested by calling 828-437-6782.
 - 1. **Founders' Scholarship Application**
Two Recommendation Letters- Attach two letters of recommendation highlighting your values, integrity, academic accomplishments, community service involvements, and interactions with peers and adults. One letter should be from a current teacher, and one should be from an adult (not your parent/guardian) who has observed your interactions with others in a non-academic setting such as athletics, church, camp, scouts, etc.
 - 2. **MDS Admission Application** Note: **The following must also be received by May 15.**
 - a. School Records (official school transcript and one copy of latest report card)
 - b. 1 Teacher Recommendation Form
 - c. Student Questionnaire Form
 - d. \$100 Application Fee- refundable if not selected
- B. **HALF-DAY APPLICANT SCHOOL VISIT:** Applicants must attend a half-day school visit by May 15 and parents must attend a parent interview on the morning of the student visit. The School will contact the family to schedule the student visit and parent interview once the admissions application is complete.
- C. **ENROLL WITH \$1,000 AWARD:** Students who are eligible and complete the MDS Scholars application process on May 15 and are admitted to the school, but are not selected as finalists, will receive a one-time \$1,000 tuition grant award for the upcoming school year. Families can also apply for need-based financial aid for the upcoming school year. Need based financial aid requires an additional application process. Financial Aid Application is to be completed by May 15.
- D. **FINALIST SELECTION:** Those selected as Founders Scholars Finalists will be notified of a 20 minute scheduled interview with the Selection Committee. Scholars will be selected based on their admissions application, school visit, and interview. The scholars will receive a tuition grant award of 75% tuition reduction. Assuming students maintain eligibility and families fulfill requirements, these awards will be ongoing through graduation. Families can also apply for need-based financial aid.
- E. **AWARD ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION:** All Founders Scholars and Finalists will be notified by telephone of their tuition grant award on May 25.
- F. **EXPECTATION OF SCHOLARS:** Scholars will be expected to maintain a 3.5 GPA, have exemplary conduct, and serve as ambassadors for the school.



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Student Questionnaire

Please answer all of the following questions in paragraph form in your own handwriting. Feel free to add additional sheets of paper if necessary.

Name of Applicant

Applying to Grade

How would your friends describe you? Please include a description of your personality, character, likes, dislikes, strengths and weaknesses.

What are your favorite subjects at school and why?

What activities do you participate in outside of school?

Describe a class or teacher that you really enjoyed in school. What made that person or experience special?

Why do you want to attend MDS and what do you hope to contribute to the school community?

Please describe any awards, honors or special accomplishments you have achieved?

Please mark any of the following that you are most interested in learning more about

- _____ Model U.N. Competition
- _____ Future Cities Competition
- _____ Junior Administrator Tech Team
- _____ Community Service Projects

Which enrichment and elective classes are you most interested in?

- _____ Spanish
- _____ Drama
- _____ Fine Arts (painting, ceramics, etc...)
- _____ Chorus
- _____ Fitness



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If available, we would appreciate a recent photo of the applicant.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Parent or Guardian: Please complete this application and submit with a \$100 non-refundable application/assessment fee.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Date of Application _____ Applying for Grade _____ Beginning _____ / _____

Student's Full Name _____
 Last First Middle Preferred

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___ Sex ___ Language spoken at home _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Spouse's Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Home Address _____ Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Occupation _____ Occupation _____

Employer _____ Employer _____

Business Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Email _____ Email _____

Preferred Email _____

With whom does the applicant reside? _____ Legal relationship _____

If parents are separated or divorced, does each wish to receive mailings? Mother Father

Please list the names and ages of siblings

Name	Sex	Age	Grade	School

Relatives who have attended or are attending MDS _____

How did you hear about Morganton Day School? _____

Students are admitted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin.

SCHOOL RELATED INFORMATION:

Applicant's Current School _____ Currently in Grade _____

School Address _____

School Phone _____ Principal/Contact Person _____

Teacher References: Please list the teachers to whom you are giving the Teacher Recommendation Forms.

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Please comment briefly on your educational expectations for your child and the reasons for considering Morganton Day School.

Describe your child's greatest assets/strengths.

Does your child have a current IEP or 504? Yes No

Has your child received therapy or academic tutoring outside of school?
(e.g., speech/language, motor skills, other) Yes No

Has your child participated in professional counseling services? Yes No

Has medication been prescribed for attention or emotional needs? Yes No

Is your child currently receiving medication? Yes No

Has your child been suspended, expelled, or dismissed
from school for any behavioral reasons? Yes No

Are there any physical limitations that might interfere with your
child's ability to do school work or participate in physical activities? Yes No

Does your child have any allergies? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please explain or share information that may help us better understand your child and his/her needs.

I wish to apply for admission of my son/daughter to Morganton Day School. Enclosed is a \$100 check for the non-refundable application fee.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date of Application

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