

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORS
2 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 380
Arden Hills, MN 55112

TO: Student Council Advisors

FR: Trisha Bemboom, Coordinator of Student Activities

The Ardis Kyker Leadership Scholarship of \$500.00 per student will be awarded to two outstanding senior student council members. The recipients of this scholarship are students who excel in the areas of service and leadership, contributed significantly to the success of their local school and community. These students should be exemplarily role models in their communities and schools.

The Ardis Kyker Leadership Scholarship was created to honor Ardis Kyker who had been the Student Councils' Coordinator of Professional Activities in the State of Minnesota from 1983-2001. She had been very instrumental in the development of Student Council and its successes in the state and the national level. She had taken Minnesota to the forefront of Student Councils nationwide.

Enclosed is an application form to be completed by your council's candidate. (ONLY ONE APPLICANT PER COUNCIL.) This form along with three letters of recommendation and the candidate's personal letter must be postmarked by **February 1, 2024**. The winners will be announced at the MAHS/MASC State Leadership Convention.

RECIPIENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE MAHS/MASC STATE LEADERSHIP CONVENTION AND MUST ATTEND THE CONVENTION BANQUET ON APRIL 14, 2024 TO RECEIVE THEIR SCHOLARSHIP.

SCHOOLS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE MASC.

The scholarship money, provided through the Minnesota Association of Student Councils, will be forwarded directly to the institution of the winner's choice and will be awarded upon the successful completion of the first quarter/semester of attendance at that institution.

Application must be postmarked by February 1, 2024

Application materials are to be mailed to:

Minnesota Association of Student Councils
ARDIS KYKER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP
2 Pine Tree Drive, Suite 380
Arden Hills, MN 55112

* Student representatives on the State Executive Committee are eligible to be applicants for this scholarship. This would include President, Vice-President, Secretary and Convention Coordinator.

** **DO NOT** submit the same student for both this scholarship and the MASC scholarship.

****DO NOT COPY THIS SHEET****

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION GUIDELINES

The Minnesota Association of Student Councils will award two scholarships annually. The following guidelines will be followed in making the selection of the scholarship recipient.

- 1) Student representatives on the State Executive Committee are eligible to be applicants for this scholarship. This would include the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Convention Coordinator.
- 2) Applicants will be considered on the basis of the following:
Exemplifies LEADERSHIP IN STUDENT COUNCIL, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.
Contributes significantly to the success of applicant's local school and community.
- 3) **Only one applicant is eligible per school.** The same applicant **CAN NOT** apply for the MASC Scholarship. The applicant must have at least 2 years of membership on student council.
- 4) The scholarship money will be forwarded directly to the institution of the winner's choice and will be awarded upon the successful completion of the first quarter/semester of attendance at that institution.
- 5) Recipients of the scholarship will be notified prior to the MAHS/MASC State Leadership Convention and must attend the convention banquet on April 14, 2024.
- 6) The selection of the scholarship recipient will be made prior to the MASC/MAHS State Leadership Convention.

****RETURN A COMPLETED, COPY OF THE ENTIRE APPLICATION
IN A 9''X12'' ENVELOPE****

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED
BY February 1, 2024.**

SCHOLARSHIP CHECK-OFF SHEET

Student Advisor

_____ Enclosed in a 9 x 12 inch envelope is the following in the listed order:

- Application
- School district personnel recommendation (not advisor)
- Community recommendation (not school staff)
- Student council peer recommendation
- Essay (500 words or less, typed, double spaced, etc.)
- This completed check-off sheet

_____ Your school is a member of the Minnesota Association of Student Councils (MASC).

_____ This is the only application from your school for the Ardis Kyker Leadership Scholarship and this applicant has not applied for the MASC Scholarship. This applicant has been a member of the high school's student council for at least two years.

_____ The application, essay and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by February 1, 2024.

I have completed and reviewed all of the above requirements and those listed in the packet and understand that failure to follow or adhere to anyone of them will lead to disqualification.

_____ student's signature

_____ date

_____ advisor's signature

_____ date

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
ARDIS KYKER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

STUDENT COUNCIL PEER

Must be postmarked by February 1, 2024

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

SCHOOL: _____

NAME OF PERSON FILLING OUT LETTER: _____

GRADE: _____

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBER _____ OR STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICER: _____ (CHECK ONE)

Please rate the applicant on the following by placing an "x" on the continuum as applied:

_____	EXCEPTIONAL	_____	ABOVE AVERAGE	_____	AVERAGE

Relates to other people _____

Initiative _____

Responsibility _____

Leadership Qualities _____

Degree of Involvement _____

Intellectual Ability _____

Emotional Maturity _____

Character/Integrity _____

Using specific examples, please indicate (on a separate sheet of paper—300 words or less) **how the candidate has made use of his/her talents and abilities for the benefit of your local school.**

Signature

Date

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
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SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

(other than Student Council Advisor)

Must be postmarked by February 1, 2024

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

SCHOOL: _____

NAME OF PERSON FILLING OUT LETTER: _____

POSITION/RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

Please rate the applicant on the following by placing an "x" on the continuum as applied:

	EXCEPTIONAL	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE

Relates to other people _____

Initiative _____

Responsibility _____

Leadership Qualities _____

Degree of Involvement _____

Intellectual Ability _____

Emotional Maturity _____

Character/Integrity _____

Using specific examples, please indicate (on a separate sheet of paper—300 words or less) **how the candidate has made use of his/her talents and abilities for the benefit of your local school.**

Signature

Date

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ARDIS KYKER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

COMMUNITY

(other than school personnel)

Must be postmarked by February 1, 2024

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

SCHOOL: _____

NAME OF PERSON FILLING OUT LETTER: _____

POSITION/RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

Please rate the applicant on the following by placing an "x" on the continuum as applied:

	EXCEPTIONAL	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE

Relates to other people _____

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Signature

Date