



## **MEDNAX MSD Strong Scholarship Instructions**

### **PURPOSE:**

The tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (MSD) was a senseless act that took the lives of 17 students and teachers. This loss was devastating to families, friends, students, the community and our nation. Yet, out of this sorrow and pain, the brave MSD students have demonstrated resilience, strength and leadership. They have supported and helped heal each other and have worked to ensure something positive came out of this terrible event.

Since its inception, MEDNAX has helped children survive challenges early in life. We believe that with a little help, all children can overcome adversity and grow up to make their own positive impact on the world. The MEDNAX MSD Strong Scholarship helps graduating seniors from MSD further their education and become an inspiration to others throughout their lives.

The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to individuals enrolling in undergraduate study at universities, community colleges or trade schools.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:**

Four (4) - \$20,000 scholarships (\$5,000 x four years)

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

The MEDNAX MSD Strong Scholarship selection process uses a comprehensive approach. Areas include, but are not limited to, academic performance, leadership potential, community service, volunteering and financial need. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution that the student will attend. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

### **CRITERIA:**

- Applicants must be a graduating Senior from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL and have permanent residence in the United States
- Applicants must have a weighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at a university, college or trade school program for the upcoming academic semester
- Applicants must complete a 500-word (maximum) essay on "Making a Difference"
- Applicants must complete and submit all required documentation listed in the "Application Process" section
- Recipients of scholarships will be required to provide documentation confirming active full-time enrollment at schools of their choice as well as maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 for the previous school year in order to receive subsequent years' grants.



**TIMELINE:**

- Applications, along with approved documentation, are due to Ms. Veronica Ziccardi (MSD Director of Guidance) by **March 31, 2021 at 2:30pm**
- Scholarship recipients will be notified at the MSD annual Award Ceremony in **May 2021**.
- Funds will be distributed directly to the institution after necessary routing/contact information is provided to MEDNAX Services, Inc.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Scholarship applicants must provide the following:

- Completed application form
- Verification of the following items. Please have Ms. Ziccardi – MSD Director of Guidance, sign and approve documents. She will forward these documents to the committee for review
  - Weighted & unweighted GPA
  - SAT/ACT score
  - One letter of recommendation (minimum)
  - Proof of acceptance at an academic, vocational or technical school for post-secondary studies
  - FAFSA summary/approval document
- A 500-word essay (maximum) entitled “Making a Difference”
- Resume

Ensure all completed application and documents are provided to Ms. Ziccardi by **March 31, 2021 at 2:30pm**. She will scan and forward to the MEDNAX MSD Strong Scholarship Committee for review.

**DEADLINES:**

Deadline for the application is **March 31, 2021 at 2:30pm**. Applications and documents provided after this date will not be considered.