

# 2014-2015 James B. Morris Scholarship Application

## APPLICATION INFO:

The James B. Morris Scholarship Fund (MSF) provides financial assistance, motivation and internship opportunities for minority students pursuing post-secondary and graduate degrees. The MSF provides this assistance to high-achieving individuals who demonstrate strong academic performance, community service and a need for financial aid.

Within their scholarship process, the MSF also facilitates some named scholarships that have specific criteria. Those named scholarships are:

**EMC Insurance Co. Scholarship** – These scholarships focus on high-achieving minority high school seniors who will be graduating from an Iowa high school. There are no restrictions on the college major or choice of college. Previous EMC Insurance Companies Scholars are eligible to re-apply for renewed awards throughout their college careers, but will be judged against new applicants. EMC Insurance Companies currently funds five (5) such scholarships annually.

**Anne C. Chapman Scholarship** – This scholarship is in memorial of Ann M. Chapman, wife of MSF founder, Vincent Chapman, Sr. This scholarship will ideally benefit students in the field of nursing, including public administration.

**Vincent C. Chapman, Sr. Scholarship** – This scholarship is a “founder’s scholarship,” and is in memory of MSF founder, Vincent Chapman, Sr. This scholarship is to be given to highly motivated and performing students ideally majoring in the areas of business, finance, and/or public policy.

**Brittany Hall Memorial Scholarship** – This scholarship is named in memory of Brittany Hall and was created to honor the value that Brittany placed on her college education. This scholarship will ideally benefit a female minority student who is an Iowa resident and attending a college or university in the state of Iowa. Special consideration will be given to applicants that are challenged by learning disabilities or a chronic illness.

**Wells Fargo Scholarship** – This scholarship is for high performing minority high school seniors who will be graduating from an Iowa high school or college students majoring in the areas of accounting, economics, finance, management or marketing. There are no restrictions on choice of college.

**Chrysalis Scholarship** – This scholarship is offered to young women who have participated in Chrysalis After-School programs (elementary, middle, or high school) and will be graduating from high school and is planning to attend, or currently attending, a college or university in the state of Iowa.

## CRITERIA FOR THE 2015 APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Official high school transcripts (graduating high school seniors **ONLY**)
2. Official college transcripts (most recent semester only)
3. Two or more letters of reference (at least one must be from an instructor)

4. Submit an essay about yourself, why you are applying, must include school and community activities or organizations you are involved in, and your future career plans (minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words).
5. Completed application form
6. Recent photograph (Head & Shoulder Shot only) - Required for press release

**NOTE: The Scholarship committee will not accept “SELFIE” photos. The picture size should be 1M and only .bmp and .jpg file types.**

**Instructions:**

You will need to fill out this online application in its entirety. Once you have filled out this online application. The only supporting documents you are able to upload with your application are:

- Personal Essay
- Recent photograph (“SELFIE” photo are not acceptable)

All other document must be “POSTMARKED” on or before the application deadline: **MARCH 16, 2015** to:

P.O. Box 12145  
Des Moines, IA 50312

To upload documents, you will need to sign in to your account after submitting your application and receiving your username and password. You may log in by visiting the “Application” section of the website and putting your information in the log-in box at the bottom of the page. Once inside your profile, you can visit the "**Application Uploads**" Tab to upload your 2014-2015 Application, Personal Essay and Recent photograph (photo size: **1M and only .bmp and .jpg file types**) **SELFIE PHOTOS are not ACCEPTED**. Any applications missing any of noted required supporting documents listed below and not received by the **APPLICATION DEADLINE** will not be considered for the James B. Morris Scholarship.

**Supporting Documents:**

1. Official high school transcripts (graduating high school seniors ONLY)
2. Two or more letters of reference (at least one must be from an instructor)
3. Writing sample; Submit an essay about yourself and why you are applying for this scholarship. The essay must include any school and community activities or organizations you are involved in and your future career plans (minimum of 250 words and a maximum)
4. Official college transcripts (most recent semester only)
5. Recent photograph (head & shoulder shot required) **“SELFIE” photo are not acceptable**

Supporting documents can also be mailed to the James B. Morris Scholarship Office at P.O. Box 12145; Des Moines, IA 50312. These documents **MUST** be postmarked by the **Application Deadline –March 16, 2015** in order to be processed with your application.

**Profile image:**

A head and shoulder photograph is required for publication purposes. **“SELFIE” photo are not acceptable**

First Name:

Last Name:

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must be of minority ethnic status as defined by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission† and have a minimum 2.5 G.P.A. All applicants must be U.S. Citizens and have a social security number as well as being: (1) Iowa high school graduates or May 2015 graduates and residents of Iowa who are, or will be, attending any U.S. college or university; or (2) Non-Iowa residents who are attending Iowa colleges or universities.

**Redundant stated above and below this paragraph:** [To be considered, applicants must identify their race according to the original EEOC definition of ethnic minority status. For more information, you may visit [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov).]

Indicate the race you consider yourself to be:

African American    Hispanic    Asian/Pacific Islander    Native American

**Redundant:** Career Field You Plan To Pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that I am a US Citizen with a Social Security number:  Yes    No \* \*Students who are not US Citizens are not eligible

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please enter a valid e-mail address. A confirmation email will be sent to this address upon registration.) **NOTE: This email address will be used for communicating to you by the Scholarship Chairperson**

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Complete Address (street, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Complete Address - if different (street, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Complete Address (address, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Year Classification (choose one):

High School Senior

College:

1 Freshman

- 2 Sophomore
- 3 Junior
- 4 Senior
- 5 Graduate School

My application for this scholarship: (check one)

- College     Graduate School     Law School

College or university that you plan or hope to attend next year: \_\_\_\_\_

College Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

High school attended: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of high school graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High school G.P.A. (High school seniors only): \_\_\_\_\_

High School Class Rank as of Spring Semester 2014 (HS Seniors Only): \_\_ of \_\_

College currently attending (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

College email: \_\_\_\_\_

Answer the following questions only if you have participated in a Chrysalis program.

Are you a young woman who has participated in a Chrysalis After-School Program?

- YES     NO

Where did you participate? (Provide name of school / site location) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in which you participated:  5<sup>th</sup>     6<sup>th</sup>     7<sup>th</sup>     8<sup>th</sup>     High School Mentor

What effect did your involvement in Chrysalis After-School programming have on your life?

\_\_\_\_\_

What are your long-term goals and how will you continued education help you attain these goals?

\_\_\_\_\_

How do you contribute to your community? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How will you continue the work of Chrysalis by encouraging, mentoring, or nurturing other young girls who are in need of the support? \_\_\_\_\_

What else would you like the scholarship committee to know? \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Major/Field of Study:**

Please select your major or field of study from the fields above. If you believe your major does not correlate to one of the options, please select "Other" and list your major or field of study in the line provided below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Actuarial Science                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising/Public Relations        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerospace Engineering             | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Engineering            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture/Food Production       | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic, Cultural & Gender Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Entertainment                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Training                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Automotive                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological & Biomedical Sciences  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Administration             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Management               | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Skilled Trades         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution & Logistics            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion Design/Textiles             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Services                | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Sciences                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Restaurant/Food Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology            | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International Business            | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism/Mass Communications      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law & Legal Studies               | <input type="checkbox"/> Law School                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical School                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy & Religion               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physics                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Med                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatry                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Administration               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                             |  |

If you selected "Other" above, please list your major here: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please fill this out ONLY if your major does not correlate to an option in the above list.)**

College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Please list information on your current and past employment (if applicable).

Name of current employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Complete Work Address (street, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of hours worked per week: \_\_\_\_\_  
Salary or wages: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### *Section A : Academic Awards*

Are you a National Merit Scholar:  Yes  No

Are you a National Minority Achievement Scholar:  Yes  No

How many people in your household will be college students during the next school year:

\_\_\_\_\_

### *Section B: Awards*

Please type in and check the Scholarships, grants, work-study grants and other financial aid you have applied for or already received:

1. Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check one for this Award:  **Applied For**  **Received**  
Amount of this Award: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check one for this Award:  **Applied For**  **Received**  
Amount of this Award: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check one for this Award:  **Applied For**  **Received**  
Amount of this Award: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check one for this Award:  **Applied For**  **Received**  
Amount of this Award: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check one for this Award:  **Applied For**  **Received**  
Amount of this Award: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name of Award: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check one for this Award:  **Applied For**  **Received**  
Amount of this Award: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Award Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please add all award amounts and enter the total here. Include both applied for and received awards.)

**Section C: Financial Information**

Projected college or university expenses for next year (Fall Semester 2015 and Spring Semester 2016) - You must complete all sections. Use NA if not applicable. If sections are not completed, you will not be considered for a James B. Morris Scholarship. Please give complete information on your first choice or the school you are currently attending.

Tuition Cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
Room & Board Costs: \_\_\_\_\_  
Book Costs: \_\_\_\_\_  
College Fees: \_\_\_\_\_  
Transportation & Other Miscellaneous Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total College/University Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please total all expenses from the Projected College or University Expenses section)

My second school choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total college/university expense: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section D: Financial Information**

Please record for the current year how much income/funding you, your immediate family, other family members, and other organizations will contribute to your college expenses the coming school year:

- A. Personal income amount: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Family contribution amount: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Others contribution amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Please total the funding/contribution amounts: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please total the Contribution Amounts in Section D from Family, Others, and Yourself.)

Please record the 2014 income:

- A. Personal Income: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Family Income: \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Number of dependents in family: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected number of dependents and parents in college full-time (2015 - 2016)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE JAMES B. MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**

I verify that all information included in this application is true and accurate. I understand that if the James B. Morris Scholarship Fund, Inc. learns that any information included in this application is false or plagiarized, my application will not be considered and any scholarship may be revoked.

I give permission for the James B. Morris Scholarship Fund to use my photograph should I be awarded a scholarship for news releases, electronic and print newsletters and other print media.

Type your name here for your electronic signature: \_\_\_\_\_