

2009 – 2010 MAX Scholar Application Addendum
College of Science, Engineering and Technology
Minnesota State University, Mankato

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Circle One:

I. Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss First Name _____ Last Name _____
Major(s)/Concentration at MSU _____
Minor(s) _____

- II. Your two CSET scholarship recommendations should be written by your faculty advisor and a professor, preferably from CSET, who has been your course instructor. You have the option of obtaining a third recommendation from an employer. Please use pages 2-4 of this document to inform your recommenders about the MAX program.
- III. What outside factors influence how much time you can dedicate to your academic studies and classes? How would this scholarship assist you in allowing more time to focus on your academic goals? Please be specific. (No more than half a page.)
- IV. What qualities do you associate with a leader? Describe your leadership abilities highlighting college experiences. Describe what aspects of your leadership skills you would like to further develop. (No more than half a page.)
- V. On a separate sheet, please **write an essay addressing how you will contribute to the diversity of the MAX Scholar group**. In this context, consider diversity to include anything that makes you or your situation unique. Please see the MAX webpage for our diversity statement. The essay should be typed and approximately one page.

MAX Scholar Statement of Understanding

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING!

I understand that if I am a recipient of a MAX award, scholarship funds will not be released if I do not meet the expectations outlined below in addition to the CSET Statement of Understanding expectations:

- 1) *I will register for, attend and participate in weekly seminar meetings during both semesters of the 2009-2010 academic year;*
- 2) *I will participate in out-of-class activities associated with this award, including workshops and attending campus events; and*
- 3) *I will participate in mentored research or industry experience.*

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

MAX Scholar Application Checklist:

1. _____ Completed MAX Scholar Addendum Form
2. _____ Ask your recommenders to address the MAX Scholar criteria using letters in this document (II)
3. _____ Responses to time and leadership questions (III and IV)
4. _____ Essay on Contribution to Diversity (V)
5. _____ Signed MAX Scholar Statement of Understanding
6. _____ Attach this form and your essay to your CSET scholarship application form

Submit this *with* your CSET application materials by March 6, 2009 to:
Advising Center, College of Science Engineering and Technology
125 Trafton Science Center
Mankato, MN 56001

Spring 2009

Dear Faculty Advisor:

I am asking you to write a recommendation for me for the MAX Scholarship. Your recommendation will also be used for other CSET scholarships I may qualify for. The selection committee is looking for information about my commitment to my major and whether I am on track for graduation. When you fill out the CSET recommendation form that I have given you, please include this information in the "additional comments" section or include a letter.

I also ask that you return the form and/or letter to me in a sealed and signed envelope so that I can include it with the rest of my application materials.

Thank you for your help!

Signed,

Signature _____

Name _____

Date _____

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Spring 2009

Dear Professor:

I am asking you to write a recommendation for me for the MAX Scholarship. Your recommendation will also be used for other CSET scholarships I may qualify for. The selection committee is looking for information about my academic abilities and my leadership qualities. When you fill out the CSET recommendation form that I have given you, please include this information in the "additional comments" section or include a letter.

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(Optional Recommendation)

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Dear Employer:

I am asking you to write a recommendation for me for the MAX Scholarship at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The selection committee is looking for information about my leadership qualities. When you fill out the CSET recommendation form that I have given you, please include this information in the "additional comments" section or include a letter.

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