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Step 1. Participant Information Section – To be completed by participant

Name of Participant: _____ Age: _____
 School Attending: _____ Grade: _____
 Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
 Address: _____ City/Zip: _____
 Telephone Number(s): _____ Email: _____
 Household Size: _____

REQUIRED: *Your application will not proceed without pre-qualifying for State Educational Benefits.*

Youth Organization/School Name: _____

Activities (include cost of each): **Start/End Date**

Cost of activity fees	\$ _____	x 75%	=	\$ _____	A
Amount of Scholarship	\$ _____		=	\$ _____	B
Amount of Family Responsibility	\$ _____			\$ _____	
Remaining Cost to Family/Organization	\$ _____			\$ _____	

Parent/Guardian Agreement – Upon approval of application, I (we) agree to make arrangements to support and encourage the child's participation in this activity, including arranging transportation, encouraging participation and good attendance, involvement in activity fundraisers and volunteer needs (as program requires), etc. Failure to meet these arrangements may jeopardize future scholarship opportunities. To the best of my knowledge, all eligibility information is true.

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____ Date _____

Step 2. Organization Section – To be completed by youth organization staff/volunteers-REQUIRED
 If the application is approved, the organization and participant have agreed that the participant or organization will pay any remaining fees. *Your application will not proceed with-out this section completed.*

We confirm the activity costs to be correct, and verify qualification of Educational Benefits.(Submitted to UWMC)

Signature _____ Date _____
 Printed _____ Phone _____
 Org/School Name _____ Org/School Address _____

Step 3. Return form to the United Way office. Connect@unitedwaymcleodcounty.org or *United Way of McLeod County PO Box 504, Hutchinson, MN 55350.*

Step 4. United Way Section – United Way Office use only. This information will not be shared with any other entities.

Date Received _____ Total Household Size _____ Approved – Date _____
 Request \$ _____ Amount \$ _____
 Denied Reason _____



Participant Information, Guidelines & Instructions

United Way of McLeod County Activities Scholarship Program

The United Way of McLeod County Activities Scholarship Program provides scholarships to young people enrolled in grades K-12 whose family is receiving education benefits, and who are unable to get assistance through other scholarships and grants up to the value of the fee. Applicants are approved, subject to availability of funds.

The ultimate goal of UWASP is to ensure that any student in McLeod County who desires to enroll in activities will not be denied the opportunity due to a lack of funds. The United Way of McLeod County board members shall administer UWASP.

Guidelines for Participants:

- Youth must be enrolled in grades K-12 and reside within McLeod County.
 - **Acceptable Organizations** - All youth activities that provide positive role models, build self-esteem and skill development will be eligible for participants to receive scholarships. Examples include, but are not limited to, sports, arts, and education.
 - **Non-Acceptable Organizations**— Religious Education Classes and Drivers Education Classes.
 - **Amount of Scholarships** - Maximum amount given per year (August 1 to July 31) will be \$300 per child, up to 75% of the activity fee. The family and/or organization must take responsibility of the remaining balance. More information will follow upon approval of a scholarship of how the scholarship will be administered.
 - **Quarterly Payment** – Approved scholarships for annual activities will be allocated quarterly, August – October, November – January, February – April, and May – July. Eligibility for additional scholarships is based on verification of continuous enrollment in the activity and/or previous activities.
 - **Involvement in Youth Organization** – It is expected that scholarship families fully understand and contribute to the volunteer and fundraising expectations of the organization. The United Way will not pay any portion of activity fees that include buy-out of volunteer time or fundraisers such as raffle tickets, pancake breakfast tickets or fish fry tickets.
 - **Application Deadline** - Applicants must turn in their scholarship application form to the youth activity organization before the close of registration and will be informed of the outcome of their application after the Activities Scholarship Committee meeting held each month.
- **Income Guidelines** - Anyone applying for activities scholarship money must be eligible for educational benefits (in order to) qualify for scholarship monies.
 - A verification letter from a public or private school, stating that the applicant qualifies/receiving educational benefits. *Call your school and have them send us your qualification letter to: UWMC, PO Box 504, Hutchinson, MN 55350 or email to connect@unitedwaymcleodcounty.org***

** Once approved/or scholarship eligibility the income verification document/or additional scholarships is not necessary.*

** If your family does not meet the requirements but special circumstances prevent your family from being able to afford the fees, please attach to the Scholarship Application a brief description a/your financial situation that justifies your need.*

- The United Way of McLeod County reserves the right to verify all information contained on the application form, in order to grant, deny or revoke any scholarship monies.
- Applications are available through the youth activity organizations-and by contacting the United Way of McLeod County directly.

Instructions:

- A. Complete Step 1: Participant Information Section on this application.
- B. Give application to youth activity organization *before* close of registration.
- C. Youth organization returns form to the United Way of McLeod County PO Box 504, Hutchinson, MN 55350 or by email: connect@mcleodcountyuntiedway.org.