



THE DENVER FOUNDATION

RAYMOND AND VELMA MERKLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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2012 Scholarship Information for Manual High School



INTRODUCTION

Raymond Merkle was born in Denver, CO in 1904. His wife, Velma Burkhart, was born in Missouri in 1910 and moved with her family to Denver in 1914. Married in 1929 in Greeley, Colorado, The Merkle's made Colorado their home. Both graduated from Denver Public Schools and valued education and the Denver community in which they lived. Raymond was employed at First National Bank, was an active Mason, and an avid baseball fan. Velma was a graduate of Manual High School and Colorado State Teachers' College (today it is the University of Colorado), and worked for the Colorado Game and Fish department for over 20 years. Having never had children of their own, Velma established this scholarship fund in her and Raymond's name to support students from Manual and Littleton High schools who are active in their school and community.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet **all** of the following:

- be a graduating senior from Manual High school during the 2011-2012 academic school year; and
- have a cumulative G.P.A. (unweighted) of at least 2.75; and
- be a first generation college student (i.e. a student whose parents and grandparents did not graduate from college, students with siblings who are in college or who have graduated from college are eligible for this scholarship); and
- have unmet financial need; and
- be active in their school or community; and
- be planning to attend a trade school, technical school, community college, or a 4-year accredited college in Colorado

Please note that applicants who are related to a member of the scholarship selection committee or a Denver Foundation employee or Denver Foundation board member are not eligible to apply.

SELECTION

Recipients will be selected based on financial need, academic achievement, motivation/desire to attend school, potential for success, and school and/or community involvement.

AWARDS

Up to four recipients from Manual High School will be selected to a scholarship award through a competitive process. Award amounts will vary based on the individual's scholar plan. In past years, scholarship awards have ranged from \$2,000-\$10,000. Scholarship awards will be paid directly toward a recipient's school and can be used toward tuition, fees, books, and other qualified educational expenses for part-time or full-time study. Recipients may use their award all at once or divide it over a number of years, if they maintain a 2.5 cumulative G.P.A. Award disbursement is contingent upon the outside scholarship policies of a recipient's college or university.

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2012 Application Instructions

Please submit all of the following items in the order listed below in one packet. Applications that are incomplete or late will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

APPLICATION FORM

Complete the application form by printing clearly or using Adobe Acrobat. Answers to the essay questions should be clear and concise.

TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES

Submit transcript(s) of *all* completed high school work, including your fall 2011 grades. If you have transferred between high schools or have taken colleges courses, please include a transcript from each school. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. Applicants who are selected to receive a scholarship may be required to submit an official transcript for verification.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT SCORES

If your transcript does not include your SAT scores and/or ACT scores, submit a copy with your scholarship application.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Include two recommendation letters with your application packet. One letter, from a teacher at your high school, should describe your character, your academic ability, your motivation to further your education, and potential for success. A second letter, from an adult who is not related to you and knows you outside of the classroom, should report on your participation in your school and larger communities. Recommendation letters should be on letter-head.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Submit a typed personal statement that answers the questions below. Your essay should be typed in 12 point font and double-spaced. Please limit your response to two pages.

1. What do you consider to be your three most important accomplishments (personal and/or academic) during high school and why?
2. Discuss your future plans in relation to your education. What do you plan to study? Why did you choose this field? How do you hope to use what you learn in the future?

DEADLINE

Return all of the required application materials *in one packet* to the Future Center at Manual High School by **Friday, March 9, 2012.**

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Nagel at Manual High School or by Lisa Fasolo Frishman at The Denver Foundation at 303.966.7328 or lfasolo@denverfoundation.org.

CHECKLIST

Include the following in your application packet:

- Completed 4 page Application Form
- Unofficial Transcript(s) of all completed high school and college work
- SAT and/or ACT scores
- Essay Questions
- Two Recommendation Letters

****Do not use staples or binders other than paper clips.****

RAYMOND AND VELMA MERKLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL 2012 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Title: Ms. Mrs. Mr. Other: _____

Name: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Are you a first generation college student? _____ Current Cumulative GPA: _____
(unweighted)

Name of current high school: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

List any academic or leadership awards you have received or special academic programs in which you have participated:

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

List the main activities in which you have participated during the past three -years (e.g. work, clubs, sports, music, volunteer work, church youth groups, etc.).

Activity	Time Commitment	Dates (From-To)	Role or Position

EDUCATION PLANS

Please fill out the information below about your post-secondary education plans.

	Name of College, University, Vocational, or Trade School	City, State	Have you been accepted?	Cost of Attendance*
First Choice				
Second Choice				
Third Choice				

**This information is available on the school's website or through the Financial Aid Office.*

List how many credit hours you plan to take for: Fall 2012 _____ Spring 2013 _____

Expected Major/Program Focus: _____

Expected Date to Begin Classes: _____

Do you plan to live on campus or at home? _____

Will you work this summer or during the school year? _____ If yes, please describe.

ANTICIPATED STUDENT RESOURCES & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Have you completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) in 2012? _____

What is your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution)? _____

Anticipated Household Income for 2012 (from all sources): \$ _____

Number of people supported by this income: _____

Names, ages, and relationship of the above, if applicable (ex. Susan, 19, sister):

Number of people in your household who will be enrolled in a college degree/certification program for the upcoming academic year (including the applicant): _____

List the amount of aid you expect to receive for the 2012-2013 academic year.

	Amount	Pending or Confirmed?
Pell Grant:	\$ _____	_____
State Grants:	\$ _____	_____
Scholarships from College/University:	\$ _____	_____
Other Scholarships/Grants	\$ _____	_____
	\$ _____	_____
	\$ _____	_____
Total:	\$ _____	_____

Is there anything else you would like the selection committee to know as it considers your application?

SIGNATURES (Both the student and parent/guardian signature are required)

I certify that all of the information included in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be asked to provide proof of the information stated on this form, including a copy of my SAR, relevant tax forms, and official transcripts. I understand that if this information is not provided, or if the information is different than presented in this application, that the award may be rescinded. If a scholarship award is given, I agree that the my name, photo, award amount, and information provided about my future plans may be used in announcements or articles (ex. graduation, newspaper) issued by The Denver Foundation and my school. In addition, by signing this form, I hereby authorize the college/university I will be attending to release information pertaining to my enrollment status, grades, and all financial aid awarded to me to The Denver Foundation.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name of Parent/Guardian (please print)

Date

Parent/Guardian Phone Number