



# 2024 Wally Piper Scholarship Guidelines

## Purpose & Intent:

The Michigan School Business Officials offers a \$3,000 scholarship to Active members. This scholarship program encourages and recognizes individuals currently employed in school business who are improving their technical skills and competencies by pursuing a graduate degree.

## Selection Process and Award:

Financial information will be considered. Scholarship awards are determined by the MSBO Board of Directors. The scholarship is intended for tuition, fees, or books.

## Timeline:

- ✓ A completed application and required information must be emailed, faxed, or mailed by **January 31, 2024**.
- ✓ The Wally Piper Scholarship will be awarded at the MSBO Annual Conference.

## Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- ☐ Be a member of MSBO for at least 36 consecutive months before **January 31** of the year of the award deadline.
- ☐ Be employed on a full-time basis in a school business position for at least 36 consecutive months immediately prior to **January 31** of the year of the award deadline.
- ☐ Be recommended for the scholarship by the superintendent or chief school administrator under whom the applicant has served for the preceding 12 months.

## Documentation:

- ☐ Application Completed
- ☐ Statement of Professional Activities and Achievements
- ☐ Statement of Professional Aims and Goals
- ☐ Statement of Anticipated Scholarship Use
- ☐ Professional References
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ College Transcript

**Entries must be emailed, faxed, or mailed by January 31, 2024 to:**

**Nancy Hawkins at [nhawkins@msbo.org](mailto:nhawkins@msbo.org)**

MSBO  
Piper Scholarship  
Attn: Nancy Hawkins  
1001 Centennial Way, Suite 200  
Lansing, MI 48917  
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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Current Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Started Current, Full-Time Position: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Years an MSBO Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important Note: *The following personal and financial data will be considered and will remain confidential.***

Last Tax Year Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Dependents: \_\_\_\_\_ Adjusted Gross Household Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any employer tuition payment or reimbursement plans available to you:

\_\_\_\_\_

Other pertinent financial data you wish to provide:

\_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant

Date

**The following materials are required to be enclosed with this application:**

- ☐ Statement of Professional Activities and Achievements – Describe your participation and achievements in school business activities in general, and with MSBO specifically. Please limit your response to a single typed or printed page.
- ☐ Statement of Professional Aims and Goals – Describe your long- and short-term career goals in school business. Please limit your response to a single typed or printed page.
- ☐ Statement of Anticipated Scholarship Use – Describe how this scholarship can assist you in realizing your career goals. Please limit your response to a single typed or printed page.
- ☐ Professional References – Provide names of two (2) references who can describe your professional activities. Please limit your response to a single typed or printed page.
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation (on district letterhead) from chief school administrator or superintendent.
- ☐ College transcript:
  - ☐ Enclosed
  - ☐ Will arrive separately