Merrell Thomas Marshall Memorial Scholarship

Dear Ball State Students: We hope you will consider applying for the Merrell Thomas Marshall Memorial Scholarship. Founded by Ms. Sandy Marshall, in honor of her father, the Marshall Scholarship recognizes students who are committed to diversity-related work in their communities, on campus, and in society at large. The amount awarded for this scholarship is approximately $1,000 for the academic year. Because Ball State students are a diverse group in themselves, we welcome applicants who advocate social justice with regard to race, ethnicity, economic status, national origin, disability, gender, sexual identity, age, and/or religious viewpoints.

Ms. Marshall grew up in the forties and fifties, a time of intolerance and social injustice. Mr. Marshall, for whom the scholarship is named, did not allow any display of such intolerance to reach the mind and soul of his daughter. This allowed her to become an adult who felt she could move freely among all society without fear or prejudice. This has become a major theme of her life and she wanted to create a memorial not only to her father but also to encourage and aid more young people to dedicate a part of their lives to these ideals.

The application due date is **Friday, April 15, 2016** by 4:00 p.m.

Send completed application package to:

Charlene Alexander, Ph.D.
Director of the Office of Institutional Diversity
Whitinger Business Building, Room 134
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Muncie, IN 47306
Phone: (765) 285-5316

Or electronically to:

oid@bsu.edu
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Application Cover Sheet

Name ________________________________

Student Identification Number ________________________________

Home Address ________________________________

Telephone ________________________________

Email address ________________________________

Applicants are requested to supply the following information in hard copy:

1. This cover sheet completed.
2. A two-page double spaced typewritten essay that includes a description of each of the following:
   a. The nature and extent of your work addressing issues of diversity in your community, on campus, and/or in society at large.
   b. The positive impact of your work.
   c. The impact these activities have had on your personal development as a student, leader and citizen, and
   d. How your plans for the future include diversity-related work.
3. BSU transcript, and transcripts of all post-secondary education.
4. Two letters of recommendation written by faculty, staff, or community representatives who are familiar with your diversity-related work and academic achievement. At least one letter must be from a campus representative. These letters should be submitted with the application.

I understand that if I am awarded and accept The Merrell Thomas Marshall Memorial Scholarship, I will enroll at BSU during the 2016-17 academic year for at least nine credit hours each semester, participate in diversity-related activities on campus and in the community.

I certify that the information supplied in this application is accurate.

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Signature                                                                             Date