

EXCELLENT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!



MIDLAND COLLEGE STUDENTS IN PHILANTHROPY CLUB Sponsored by the ABELL-HANGER FOUNDATION and the HELEN GREATHOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST

“Philanthropy: goodwill to fellow men, active effort to promote human welfare...”

The Midland College “*STUDENTS IN PHILANTHROPY CLUB*” (SIP) is a student organization and scholarship program. The “*STUDENTS IN PHILANTHROPY CLUB*” is also an in-depth leadership training program which provides student members the opportunity to improve the quality of life in their communities. Students will learn about the importance of philanthropy and the role of nonprofit organizations in the community. Through the fund development and grant-making process, students not only make needed contributions to nonprofit organizations, but also gain leadership and stewardship training through a structured program designed to educate, support and promote philanthropic leadership in the community. Students in the club participate in the program activities for a full academic year and attend weekly meetings designed to enhance their knowledge of the nonprofit and philanthropic communities.

The “*STUDENTS IN PHILANTHROPY CLUB*” is currently seeking qualified applicants for membership for the 2008/2009 year. **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 5:00 p.m. , MAY 14, 2008.**

Please note the following:

- Up to **25 eligible students** will be selected to participate,
- Student must be a **high school graduate and/or currently enrolled** at Midland College,
- **Students must submit completed applications, along with two letters of recommendation, to the Financial Aid office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2008. Interviews are required of all qualified applicants. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- Selected students will be **eligible for a scholarship from the Abell-Hanger Foundation**. Those students currently receiving Midland’s Legacy Scholarship funds may apply this program involvement toward accumulation of their required hours of community service,
- The student members must make a **full academic year commitment** to the program, beginning with the Fall semester and ending upon completion of the Spring semester,
This commitment includes **meeting a minimum of one hour weekly**, each Wednesday from 12 noon until 1:00 p.m. throughout the duration of the program, as well as time required to participate in additional program-related activities,
- The student members will **plan and conduct fund-raising activities**. Funds raised will be eligible for a matching grant from the Abell-Hanger Foundation,
- The student members will **solicit and review grant requests** from the nonprofit community,
- The student members will **select and allocate grants** to the nonprofit community.

**For more information about the “*STUDENTS IN PHILANTHROPY CLUB*”
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**MIDLAND COLLEGE STUDENTS IN PHILANTHROPY CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2008/2009 ACADEMIC YEAR**

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. **ELIGIBILITY**--Student must be a high school graduate and/or currently enrolled at Midland College.
2. **INITIAL GPA**--Incoming High School graduates must have a GPA of 3.1 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
GPA--*Current Midland College students must have and maintain an overall GPA of 2.75 or higher.*
3. **ENROLLMENT**--Student must maintain a minimum course load of nine credit hours per semester for the duration of the program.
4. **APPLICATIONS**--Students must complete and submit the Students in Philanthropy Club application and two letters of recommendation to the Midland College Office of Financial Aid. A personal interview with each qualified applicant will be required. Any late or incomplete applications, those unsigned or without proper attachments, will be deemed ineligible.
5. **COMMITMENT**--Students must make a commitment of one full academic year to the program, beginning with the Fall semester and ending upon completion of the Spring semester. This commitment includes meeting a minimum of one hour weekly at a pre-set time throughout the Students in Philanthropy Club year.
6. **COMPLIANCE**--Students must comply with the Students in Philanthropy Club Constitution and all related responsibilities.
7. **COMMUNITY SERVICE**--Students currently receiving the Midland Legacy Scholarship funds may apply Students in Philanthropy Club involvement toward accumulation of their required hours of community service.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

- # **FUND AND RECIPIENT LIMIT**--The Abell-Hanger Foundation and the Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust guarantees eligible students who are currently receiving Midland's Legacy Scholarship additional funds up to a \$500 scholarship per semester for books. Eligible students **not** receiving Midland's Legacy Scholarship funds will receive up to a \$800 scholarship per semester for tuition and books. Scholarships are awarded for up to 25 students selected to participate in the Students in Philanthropy Club. Funds are to be utilized only for the student recipient awarded the scholarship and the express purpose for which the funds are awarded.
- # **TIME LIMIT**-- The Students in Philanthropy Club is an annual educational leadership program which begins each Fall semester and ends upon completion of the Spring semester. Students must maintain the required GPA and minimum nine hour credit class course load to be eligible for two semesters of the scholarship.
- # **COVERAGE LIMITS**-- Students currently receiving Midland's Legacy Scholarship funds are eligible for up to \$500 per semester for books. Students **not** receiving the Midland Legacy Scholarship funds are eligible for up to \$800 per semester for books and tuition. The scholarship is only applicable for the Fall and Spring semesters; no summer or interim sessions are covered. Funds may not be exceeded or carried forward.
- # **MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY**--Students must maintain a minimum of nine credit hours per semester with a 2.75 GPA or better. Students must comply with and fulfill all related responsibilities of the Students in Philanthropy Club guidelines, requirements and Constitution. If a student does not meet these requirements, their membership will be revoked and scholarship forfeited.
- # **LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY**--Students will forfeit their scholarships and their membership will be revoked if they do not abide by the Students in Philanthropy Club guidelines and requirements as specified above.

