



MORGRIDGE FAMILY OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Morgridge Family Opportunity Scholarship is an award for an incoming first-year student(s) who are qualified to receive a Pell Grant as determined by completing the current year FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you have a question about the FAFSA please contact the Office of Financial Aid by emailing from the website address: www.plymouth.edu/finaid/contact or calling 535-2338 or toll free at 877-846-5755.

This is a highly competitive award and will be worth \$12,000 over 4 years; awarding \$3,000 per year. The Morgridge Family Opportunity Scholarship has a preference for students living in Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Strafford or Sullivan counties, who show the academic potential and desire to complete their college education. *Preference will also be given to students who are the first generation in their families to attend college. Award recipients must also agree to participate in the Morgridge Learning Community, and seek other academic support services as recommended.

CHECKLIST (only complete scholarship packets will be considered)

I have:

- been admitted to PSU or applied for admission to PSU.
- completed this Morgridge Family Opportunity Scholarship application form.
- attached completed and signed guidance counselor/school official scholarship recommendation form.
- included an official transcript from your current high school.
- written and attached the required essay.
- completed the current year FAFSA and submitted it to the federal processor.
- made a copy of my completed application packet for my records.

Your complete application packet must be post-marked or hand delivered by May 15 to:

Plymouth State University
 University Advancement, Holmes House
 17 High Street, MSC 50
 Plymouth, NH 03264

Questions: 603-535-2212 or bjadams2@plymouth.edu

I authorize release of information for publicity purposes (if selected for a scholarship).

Applicant's Signature

Date

* First generation, as outlined in Higher Education Act of 1965, 1998 Higher Education Act Amendments FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT.—The term “first-generation college student” means—

(A) An individual both of whose parents did not complete a baccalaureate degree; or

(B) In the case of any individual who regularly resided with and received support from only one parent, an individual whose only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate degree.

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APPLICATION FORM

Student Information:

Name _____ Major _____ male female
 PSU Student ID # (if known) _____ Anticipated year of graduation _____
 Email _____ Date of birth _____
 Home mailing address _____ NH County _____
 City/state/zip _____ Home phone _____
 How did you hear about these scholarships? _____

Family Information:

Name	Relationship	Occupation/Student	Employer/School	Attend/Complete College

Please describe your parent's relationship to each other: Divorced Domestic Partners Married
 Separated Unmarried Widowed

Agreement: If chosen for this award I agree to participate in the Morgridge Learning Community and seek other academic support services as recommended.

Signature: _____

Essay: One page statement on why you are a good candidate for this award. Please include information on who has been influential in your life and what you expect to be doing in 10 years in your career and your community.

Return completed application with all attachments by May 15

**MORGRIDGE FAMILY OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/SCHOOL OFFICIAL
SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM**

Name of Applicant

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Student Instructions:

This recommendation form should be given to a person who is familiar with your academic abilities, achievements, community involvement, and potential for college success. The recommendation must be from a teacher/professor, counselor/adviser, or principal. Submit your signed recommendation form along with your complete scholarship application packet.

Form Instructions:

Please complete this form in its entirety, including Part One (Rating Chart) and Part Two (Recommendation Letter). Please return your signed recommendation form and attachments to the student. It would be especially helpful to include information concerning the applicant's:

- ◆ Academic capabilities
- ◆ Motivation
- ◆ Personal characteristics
- ◆ Experiences
- ◆ Achievements
- ◆ Potential for success

Part One: Rating Chart:

Please rate the student's attributes with respect to the factors listed below. Check the appropriate box:

	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	Outstanding	Not Known
Academic Skills & Knowledge						
Motivation & Perseverance						
Study & Work Habits						
Interpersonal Skills						
Leadership Potential						
Self-Esteem & Confidence						
Civic Responsibility						
Connection to Cultural Heritage						

Part Two: Recommendation Letter:

Please attach a letter with your candid assessment of the applicant's qualifications for this scholarship and his/her potential for success as a PSU student. Be sure to include the following on all attachments: student's name, your name and title, your relationship to student.