



MVSU  
**SUSTAINABILITY**  
**Initiative**

# Green Scholarship

Application Deadline:

**AUGUST 31, 2016**  
for Fall Semester 2016

The environment is a big deal to almost everyone these days. Environmental causes have been championed by celebrities, politicians, and a host of very vocal organizations and movements. Documentaries like *An Inconvenient Truth* are increasingly popular and more people are aware of environmental issues now than ever before. Concerns about global warming in the long-term and the cost of fuel in the short-term are pushing more and more people to consider going green. Therefore, MVSU has begun awarding green scholarships to environmentally-conscious students.

Scholarship awards are offered across the diverse range of green interests. Scholarship money is available to students pursuing a wide range of majors who just have ideas for making their communities more earth-friendly. Maybe you organized a “walk to school” rally on Earth Day or have a plan to raise money for a bike path in your town. Anyone who cares about the environment and can show proof of their care for the environment with a project, essay, or declared major could potentially win a green scholarship.

Students enrolled at MVSU can apply for the Green Scholarship made available by the Mississippi Valley State University Sustainability Initiative. Eligible applicants are freshmen with at least 12 hours and currently enrolled at Mississippi Valley State University. Green scholarships will be awarded annually in the amount of \$250 based on the availability of funds, but are not automatically renewed. Four (4) full scholarships will be awarded this year.

#### **General eligibility requirements:**

- Complete a Green scholarship application each year.
- Must maintain a 2.7 or higher cumulative grade point average;
- Must be enrolled as an undergraduate student
- Submit either one letter of recommendation or provide contact information for two references from an instructor, supervisor, community member or clergy member.

Mississippi Valley State University is committed to equal opportunity for all and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status.

Applications should be submitted to the Office of Sponsored Programs by the deadline. The Sustainability Committee will review each application and will select the scholarship recipients. The recipients will be notified by September 30.

#### **Application can be mailed to:**

Mississippi Valley State University  
Office of Sponsored Programs  
14000 Hwy 82 W, MVSU 7302  
Itta Bena, MS 38941-1400

Or hand delivered to: The William W. Sutton Bldg, Suite 454.

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE SCHOLARSHIP**



# Green Scholarship Application Form

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**Phones:** Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**College GPA** (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ **email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Which degree are you pursuing at Mississippi Valley State University?**

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**Submit one letter of recommendation with this application or provide contact information for two references (instructor, supervisor, community or clergy member);**

**Reference #1 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference #2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

You must attach to this application an unofficial transcript and your response to each of these four items (250 words or more):

**Q1.** If there was one eco-friendly idea you could implement on MVSU's campus, what would it be? How would you implement it?

**Q2.** Sustainable development often requires people to change specific practices. Provide an example of an unsustainable practice at MVSU and how it might be changed to make it sustainable. What are some of the reasons why changing practices is so difficult?

**Q3.** Describe your financial need for this scholarship and your future career goals?

**Q4.** Pick an object or place nearby on MVSU's campus. Analyze whether the item can be recycled, re-used, and/or re-manufactured? If so, how could the object be renewed for a better purpose or how could this location be restored in an eco-friendly matter.

## Release of information

I authorize the release of financial aid, academic and other information necessary in determining eligibility for this scholarship. I also authorize the release of my name and the amount of my scholarship award for publicity purposes.

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

