

MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM (MCFSP)
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Do not contact the Department of Community Sustainability with questions about the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP).

Please contact MCFSP with questions pertaining to MCFSP: <http://mcfscholars.isp.msu.edu/about/contact.htm>

More information about MCFSP available here: <http://mcfscholars.isp.msu.edu/apply/grad.htm>

QUICK FACTS ABOUT MCFSP

- The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP) at MSU is only open to residents and citizens of Sub-Saharan African countries.
- Students must be first-time applicants to MSU.
- Transfer students are not eligible for the program.
- The program does not accept applications from PhD applicants; the program is only available to MS applicants.
- The program has a fall semester start date only.
- The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP) has a separate application from the application required by the Department of Community Sustainability.
- MCFSP applicants must apply to both the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program and the Department of Community Sustainability to be considered for admission.
- The applicant must be sure to follow the separate requirements of the two entities.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- As a MasterCard applicant, you are not required to submit financial information, including an Affidavit of Support, Statement of Financial Proof, or supporting bank statement. You may disregard this request. The only financial documentation required of you is contained in the MCFSP application.
- As a MasterCard applicant, you are eligible for an application fee waiver, but you have to do the following in order to qualify for the 50 USD application fee waiver:

- 1) Checkmark the option on the MSU online graduate application that indicates you are applying to the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program. This checkmark option is at the end of the MSU online graduate application.
- 2) List an accurate home address on the MSU online graduate application in order to qualify for the application fee waiver. If you incorrectly list your home address and it does not reflect that you are a resident of a Sub-Saharan African country, you will not be eligible for the application fee waiver.
- As a MasterCard applicant, your application to Michigan State University and the Department of Community Sustainability will be considered only if you:
 - 1) Submit the application required by the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at Michigan State University according to the application instructions listed on their website: <http://mcfscholars.isp.msu.edu/apply/grad.htm>
 - 2) Submit the application required by the Department of Community Sustainability by the department's application deadline according to the international application instructions listed on the department's website: http://www.csus.msu.edu/graduate/prospective_students/international_applicants

The applicant must do two things after completing the MCFSP application:

- First, submit the MCFSP application to the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at MSU by the MCFSP deadline using the instructions listed on the MCFSP website: <http://mcfscholars.isp.msu.edu/apply/grad.htm>
 - If you do not submit your MCFSP application by the program's deadline to MCFSP, your application will not be considered by MCFSP or the Department of Community Sustainability.
- Second, submit the MCFSP application + the application required by the Department of Community Sustainability to the Department of Community Sustainability by the department's deadline using the international application instructions on the department's website: http://www.csus.msu.edu/graduate/prospective_students/international_applicants
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