

SPIRE HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Spire is a national honor society that recognizes the unique achievements of adult students (*defined as 25 or older*) and other nontraditional students enrolled in associate degree programs who have overcome significant obstacles to achieve academic success.

Being part of the Spire Honor Society is more than a special designation, but a symbol of great academic achievement, and a place to make connections and grow your personal and professional network.

This scholarship will be awarded to current members of Spire who demonstrate leadership, persistence, and future promise. Amount awarded varies.

Scholarship Criteria:

- *Must be a current member of Spire*
- *Must be 25 years of age or older*
- *Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0*
- *Are within 12 months of graduation*
- *Involved in at least three campus or community activities*
- *Must demonstrate leadership, persistence, and future promise*
- *Most recent college transcript (request an "unofficial" transcript from Registrar's Office)*
- *Letter of recommendation from an MVCC Faculty Member or advisor*
- *Completed application form*
- *Include an essay answering the following questions:*
 - *What motivated you to attend college for the first time or return to school as an adult learner?*
 - *How will earning a college degree change your life?*

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

MVCC Student ID Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Anticipated College Graduation Date from MVCC: _____

Program of Study: _____

I am a current member of Spire: YES NO

Name of Scholarship: _____ **SPIRE HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP** _____

Student's Career Goals: _____

Student's Community Service: _____

Please forward this application, letter of recommendation, transcript, and essay to:

**MVCC Foundation, Payne Hall – Room 220
1101 Sherman Drive
Utica, NY 13501**

If you should have any questions, please call (315) 792-5555.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW

I understand and agree to abide by the conditions of the MVCC Foundation guidelines for any scholarship I may receive. I agree to complete the Free Application Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application form to apply for the PELL grant and the NYS TAP grant. I agree that the MVCC Foundation reserves the right to provide the donor of my award and MVCC's College and the Office of Marketing and Communication with the information about my application. I understand that any scholarship monies awarded may be credited against my balance of any and all bills to the college. A condition of any scholarship award is contingent on my writing thank you messages to scholarship donors and attending the annual scholarship awards recognition ceremony unless I am excused in writing by the MVCC Foundation.

Signature: _____

Date: _____