

The Scholarship Survey is still open but a brief report /update has been written for the membership to review. Multiples of America encourages everyone to participate. This survey will be open until June 1, 2014.

Scholarship Survey Update

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Currently, the Scholarship Survey is still in progress. This is just an update on the responses as of April 7, 2014.

The majority of the respondents (97.9%) were in favor of Multiples of America developing a scholarship program. A total of 150 individuals have taken this survey.

When asked how to fund this program, about a third (30.9%) said to raise dues by 50 cents. Another third (31.5%) said to increase dues by 75 cents, and another third (37.6%) said to fund it through fundraisers and special projects.

When asked what the amount of the scholarship should be, the following amounts were given: \$500 (23.6%); \$750 (4.7%); \$1000 (47.3%); other/higher amount (22.3%); and other/lower amount (2%).

The respondents thought that those eligible for the scholarship should be the following people: Multiple birth children (44.8%); parents of multiple birth children who are members of MOA (8.3%); siblings of multiple birth children whose parents are members of MOA (0.7%); and all of the above (46.2%).

When asked what the scholarship should cover in order of priority, the following responses were given: Tuition (97.6%); books (83.2%); software needed for school (53.4%); club/organization fees (47.3%); housing/rent (45.9%); living expenses (41.6%); and school supplies (38.5%).

When asked if the scholarship should only be distributed for a school/university, about half (56.5%) said yes.

When asked who should author the scholarship form, the respondents said a committee should be appointed (87.1%) or the Board of Directors (12.9%) should write it.

The recommendations for types of forms are as follows: multiple choice (7.5%); discussion style (4.1%); short essay (11.6%); or a mixture of all listed above (76.9%).

The respondents recommended the following number of personal references for applicants: one (33.3%); two (47.6%); three (8.8%); or none required (10.2%).

Finally, the respondents recommended the following number of educational references: one (33.3%); two (47.6%); three (8.8%); or none required (10.2%).

Conclusions: So far, the respondents to this survey (150) are in favor of a scholarship program. About two-thirds want to fund it with a dues increase and the rest want to fund it through fundraisers/special projects). The recommended amount of the scholarship was about \$500-\$1000 and those eligible would be parents or siblings of MBC and the MBC themselves. The scholarship was mainly recommended to be used for tuition, books and school software. The respondents recommended that an appointed committee author the scholarship form which should be a combination of multiple choice, discussion style and short essay questions. Several personal and educational references were recommended to be required.