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DATATEL SCHOLARS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

(Datatel Scholars Foundation Scholarship web site: <http://www.datatel.com/dsf>)

We encourage all applicants to visit this website for more detailed information about the program

Students must submit applications via the online application for nomination

TYPE: Nomination by Mount Holyoke College is required. Apply as a first year, sophomore, junior, or *senior. International and FP students are encouraged to apply. Students may apply in one or more of the three award categories if eligible. These awards are for outstanding students currently attending an eligible Datatel client institution (Mount Holyoke College is a Datatel Client). If you wish to apply, please contact Kimberly Parent, Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School, in the Development Center to discuss your plans.

Datatel Scholars Foundation Scholarship - This scholarship is open to full-time and part-time students (taking at least six credit hours). Mount Holyoke may nominate up to two candidates.

The personal statement essay should summarize educational goals and objectives, where the applicant has been as an individual, and where they hope their education will take them. They should also indicate the difference a Datatel scholarship would make in their life and to those around them. The maximum award is \$2,400. Last year, 25% of nominees received an award. The Foundation awarded 180 scholarships totaling \$300,000 in scholarships.

Angelfire Scholarship - Honoring soldiers who have served during combat, the Angelfire Scholarship is for outstanding students who served the U.S. military:

- In the Asian theater (Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos) during the 1964-1975 timeframe
- A spouse or child of a Vietnam Veteran, or a refugee from Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos is also eligible
- In Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and/or Operation Iraqi Freedom (open only to actual military personnel – not spouses or dependents)

Proof of Record of Service is required for submission (see website for details). Mount Holyoke may nominate up to two candidates.

The personal statement essay should discuss how the conflict has affected the applicant personally, summarize how the conflict has impacted their educational goals, and describe how being awarded the scholarship will help them achieve their goals. The maximum award is \$1,700. For the year 2008-2009 academic year competition, 10% of nominees received an award. The Foundation awarded 10 Angelfire scholarships, totaling \$17,000.

Russ Griffith Memorial Scholarship (formerly the "Returning Student Scholarship") is for any student who has returned to school after a five year absence or more. Mount Holyoke's FPs are encouraged to apply. Mount Holyoke College may nominate one candidate.

The personal statement essay should discuss the impact of being a returning student, the challenges of combining life interests, such as work and family, along with school, and the importance of receiving this scholarship to help achieve a dream. The essay should not exceed 1,000 words. The maximum award is \$2,000 awarded to the top fifty applicants. Last year, 21% of nominees received an award. The Foundation awarded 50 scholarships, totaling \$100,000.

PURPOSE: The Datatel Scholars Foundation awards scholarships on a competitive basis. Datatel submits the award amount directly to Mount Holyoke College, as it can be used only for tuition, books and other education-related expenses.

To review Mount Holyoke's outside scholarship policy, refer to "Options for Financing Your Education" at http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/sfs/assets/StudentFinancialServices/fin_options.pdf.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Any outstanding student who is currently attending an eligible Datatel Client site is encouraged to apply for at least one of the three different scholarship opportunities through the Datatel Scholars Foundation. Both full and part-time students (at least six credit hours/term) are welcome to apply. Scholarship opportunities are open to all majors and all levels of students (undergraduates and graduates).
- ***Seniors** - Please apply ONLY if you are currently attending **AND plan to attend an eligible college or university during the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded.**
- There are no GPA restrictions, but the selection process is competitive.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Each application is rated on a scale of 100%. Ratings are compiled according to the following:

- 40% - Quality of the Personal Essay Statement
- 30% - Academic Merit (GPA)
- 20% - Achievements/Civic Involvement (honors/awards, employment, community service, etc.)
- 10% - Letters of Recommendation (2)

AWARDS: The application for the Datatel Scholars Foundation is divided into three groups based on the undergraduate tuition at the college or university the applicant attends. The highest tuition is Group A (\$2,400), the middle tuition is Group B (\$1,600) and the lowest is Group C (\$1,000). Each group receives scholarships and the Datatel Scholars Foundation Board of Directors determines the number of scholarships each year. Mount Holyoke College had three winners in 2005; one in 2006; one in 2007; and one in 2008.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applicants must complete and electronically submit the on-line application with letters of recommendation found at <http://www.datatel.com/dsf>. Only online submissions will be accepted. The application will be made available from 09/01/08 through 01/30/09. No submissions of applications or letters of recommendation will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. EST on 01/30/09. The Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School will have access to the application and recommendations once the deadline has passed, and will distribute them to the Fellowship Committee. The Committee will review all application materials, including unofficial transcripts, and decide whether to support a student's candidacy. Applications of the nominated students will be "released" to Datatel by February 20th.

PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE, LAMINATE OR BIND ANY PART OF THE APPLICATION FORM OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AS THEY WILL BE COPIED FOR REVIEW BY THE COMMITTEE ON FELLOWSHIPS!

NOMINATION PROCESS & DEADLINES:

Monday, September 1, 2008 – Datatel online application opens through Thursday, January 30, 2009 5:00 p.m. EST.

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Submit the following documents to the Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School in the Career Development Center:

- An unofficial **transcript** from Mount Holyoke. The Foundation no longer requires the mailing of transcripts of nominated students. The nominees' GPA will be entered electronically at the time of nomination.
- A **statement of intent** – a brief note stating that you intend to apply for the Datatel scholarship, including your name, year, contact information, and the names of your recommenders.

Friday, January 30, 2009

You must submit your application by 5:00 p.m. (EST). You may also wish to give an earlier date to your recommenders so that your letters are submitted on line by the deadline. Please follow application instructions on the website with care.

- **Datatel application form (on-line version)**

- **Personal statement essay** of maximum 1,000 words. Please see further instructions on website.
- **List of achievements** - In 75 words or less for each, the applicant should provide information of her top five civic contributions and/or personal achievements. See further instructions on website.
- Two **letters of recommendation** – These letters must come from faculty. Follow the instructions on the online application to request these letters of recommendation. Please note that the letters must be submitted electronically, and that the online application system will not accept letters once the January 30 deadline has passed. The absence of a letter of recommendation will – without exception -- disqualify your application, so please instruct your recommenders accordingly. See further instructions on the website.
- **Unofficial transcripts** to be submitted directly to the Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School at the Career Development Center.

Friday, January 30 – Friday, February 20, 2009

Fellowship Committee meets to nominate MHC candidates. Nominees will be notified of their status.

Thursday, February 20, 2009

Last day for Datatel Client institutions to nominate students to the Datatel Scholars Foundation.

May 10, 2009

Winners will be posted on the Foundation's web page. Notification will be sent to winners, non-winners and scholarship administrators. Awards are disbursed in early July, and are made payable directly to the institution for deposit into the student's account.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that each portion of the application, including letters of recommendation, is received by the appropriate deadline. If you will be requesting transcripts from other institutions or letters of recommendation from outside the College (particularly outside the U.S.), please do so immediately, as these materials can take several weeks to reach us. If you anticipate a problem meeting a particular deadline or have any questions concerning your application, please contact the Interim Coordinator & Advisor for Scholarships, Fellowships, Pre-Law, and Graduate School at (413) 538-2080.