

Marianna Elks Lodge 1516, Inc.  
P.O. Box 577  
Marianna, FL 32447

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Ms. Mendy Bannerman, Counselor  
Marianna High School  
3546 Caverns Road  
Marianna, FL 32446

Dear Ms. Bannerman:

I am writing this letter as the Marianna Elks Lodge Scholarship Chair to inform all schools in the Marianna Lodge jurisdiction of the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship program.

The Elks National Foundation will offer 500 awards ranging from \$1,000 a year to \$12,500 a year for the 2015-2016 through 2018-2019 academic years. Any high school senior, or related equivalent, who is a citizen of the United States on the date of the application is eligible to apply. Resident alien status does not qualify. College students and high school juniors are not eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. American college or university. It is acceptable for a student to enroll in a two-year college for the first two years of the four-year program. Male and female students compete separately.

Applications must advance through local, district, and state competition to reach the national competition. The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will notify the 500 national finalists in late February 2015 and will announce the 20 national winners and notify them in writing in late April 2015.

Applications for the Elks National Foundation's 2015 Most Valuable Student contest are available online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm) or by sending a pre-addressed, stamped envelope to the Elks National Foundation, 2750 North Lakeview Ave. Chicago, IL 60614-1889. Applications for the 2015 contest have to be submitted to your local Elks Lodge by **December 5, 2014**, to Marianna Elks Lodge 1516, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Chair, P.O. Box 577, Marianna, FL 32447-0577

We have found in many years working with the Elks scholarship program that the winners of these scholarships are the students who have good-to-excellent grades and ACT/SAT scores and who participate in extracurricular and community activities.

Enclosed are an MVS fact card and a brochure. Please encourage students to apply for this scholarship.

Sincerely,



Helen D. Haines  
Scholarship Chair  
Marianna Elks Lodge 1516, Inc.