# ARISE Scholarship

In January 2022, Miami Regional University students, faculty, staff, and the Alumni Association instituted a scholarship fundraiser for students experiencing financial difficulty and hardship, finding themselves at a crossroads in their lives.

ARISE is a community effort to help those who need it most and is specially created for students who have overcome life's challenges against all odds. This scholarship coverage varies depending on the number of funds raised by the community and focuses on providing tuition cost assistance. To be considered for this scholarship, the candidate must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Meet all program admission requirements
2. Apply for the scholarship while enrolling in a degree program
3. Students must submit an essay narrating the challenges they have overcome in their lives and the life-changing point in which they find themselves now
4. Once enrolled, students must be members of the MRU Community by participating in university organizations and/or Student Government Association
5. Once enrolled, a minimum of a 3.0 GPA must be maintained throughout the entire program. Loss of 3.0 GPA per term voids scholarship.

The ARISE Scholarship Committee will read essays against the ARISE essay question and rubric, select the student who will receive the scholarship in Fall 2022, and announce it. The scholarship is open to both undergraduate and graduate program students*. Other details follow:

* *Scholarship funds awarded will be distributed semester by semester. If the scholarship payment creates an overpayment, excess funds will be refunded to the community fund.*

## Instructions and parameters:

Please answer **one** of the following essay questions using, to the best of your abilities, your writing and thinking skills. Answer your one chosen question fully.

- Follow essay format and response parameters
- Write your response using a minimum of 500-words or a maximum of 800-words, Microsoft Word document

- Use double-spacing and standard 1" margins
- Use Arial 12-point font
- Insert your last name and page number on the top left corner of the page

The deadline for the ARISE scholarship is **Friday, August 19, 2022, at 12:00 AM**. Essays submitted after this time will not be considered. The essay must be submitted to XXXXXXX. The winner will be announced on Friday, August 26, 2022.

1. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to our personal growth and success. Describe a crossroads moment in your life when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. Discuss and examine how you overcame it? Analyze and reflect on what you learned from the experience?

2. Describe an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth, gratitude, and a new understanding of yourself or others. Discuss and examine how this contributed to others around you. Reflect and analyze how this new understanding impacted your own life?

## ARISE Scholarship Rubric

|  | 4 Points | 3 Points | 2 Points | 1 Point |
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| Answer Development | The student answers the question completely (including all its sub-questions) | The student answers only two of the questions asked | The student answers only one of the questions asked | The student answers the question vaguely |
| Instructions and Parameters | The student follows all format instructions and essay-established parameters | The student follows 4 of 5 format instructions and essay-established parameters | The student follows 3 of 5 format instructions and essay-established parameters | The student follows 2 or less of 5 format instructions and essay-established parameters |
| Grammar | The essay presents no grammatical, punctuation, or spelling challenges | The essay presents one of the following: grammatical, punctuation, or spelling mistakes | The essay presents two of the following: grammatical, punctuation, or spelling mistakes | The essay presents weaknesses in all areas: grammatical, punctuation, or spelling mistakes |
| Structure | The student follows the essay format with an introductory paragraph, thesis statement, development, supporting elements, and conclusion | The student misses one of the following: introductory paragraph, thesis statement, development, supporting elements, and conclusion | The student misses two of the following: introductory paragraph, thesis statement, development, supporting elements, and conclusion | The student misses three or more of the following: introductory paragraph, thesis statement, development, supporting elements, and conclusion |
| Total Points |  |  |  |  |

Maximum number of points 16/16
Minimum number of points to be considered for the ARISE scholarship 13/16