



Hile Group One Voice Washington, D.C. Trip Scholarship Guidelines

What is One Voice?

One Voice is a non-partisan coalition created by the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington-Normal Area (EDC). It is a pro-community campaign that brings together leaders from the City of Bloomington, the Town of Normal, McLean County, surrounding rural communities, labor, local educational institutions and local private businesses in support of specific economic development projects and issues in McLean County. Each spring, the One Voice Task Force travels to Washington, D.C. to meet with our congressional delegation. In the past, the One Voice Task Force chose local projects to support in their quest for federal funding. However, this year is different. In light of the recent earmark ban, Bloomington-Normal/McLean County delegates will travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with our congressional delegation and show them our community stands united in support of local transportation projects, initiatives and infrastructure improvements that require federal funding in our community. *(The transportation agenda was developed from the recent TransSummit that was held October 21st, 2011. The day long summit included a diverse group of community leaders, elected official and transportation experts. The white paper is in the process of being developed and will be ready for distribution soon).* The ultimate goal of One Voice is to engage our federal representatives and to obtain federal funding for our community. One Voice does not lobby for policy or regulatory change and is not affiliated with any political party, movement or policy organization.

Washington, D.C. Trip Details:

The 2012 One Voice trip will take place March 6-8. The scholarship covers all expenses of the trip, from flight and hotel to all meals and events, for one local high school student. Nearly 30 local community, business and labor leaders attend the trip. During the trip, we meet with our U.S. senators and representatives, along with leaders of other government agencies. This trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet and network with local leaders and discuss current issues in federal government with the primary decision-makers. For example, our past meetings have included U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, as well as Neel Kashkari of the U.S. Treasury who later went on to lead the federal government's Troubled Asset Relief Program. Participants also attend receptions and meetings with speakers from various economic development-related institutions. There is also limited time for sight-seeing opportunities.

To Apply:

All interested students **MUST** attend an informational meeting being held on **Tuesday, January 17th from 5:00-6:00 p.m.** in the community room (4th floor) of the Uptown Normal Heartland Bank building at 200 W. College Ave. At least one parent/guardian **MUST** attend, as well. We will distribute applications at the meeting to be completed and returned to the EDC by **Friday, February 3rd**. All applicants **MUST** also submit one letter of recommendation from a teacher/administrator of their high school.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Milligan at the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington-Normal Area at (309) 452-8437 or cathy@bnbiz.org. For more information about One Voice, visit the EDC's Web site at www.bnbiz.org.



Hile Group One Voice Washington, D.C. Trip Scholarship Application

**Application & supporting documents must be returned to the EDC office by Friday, February 3rd.*

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Birthdate: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

School: _____

Supporting Documents

1. Current high school transcript
2. List of extra-curricular/volunteer activities
3. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator from your high school
4. Signed permission slip from parent/legal guardian
5. Signed liability release from parent/legal guardian



LIABILITY RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

This LIABILITY RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS (“Release”) is given in consideration of the services provided by the Economic Development Council of the Bloomington-Normal Area (“EDC”) and its officers, directors, employees and agents in allowing applicant to participate in the One Voice Washington, DC trip (“One Voice”). Applicant (“participant”) and his/her parent or guardian (“parent”) (collectively “we”) agree we have carefully read, fully understand and agree to be bound by this Release and the terms and conditions contained in the application. We understand that One Voice activities include inherent and other risks, hazards and dangers (“risks”) that can cause injury or other loss, both common and severe. We agree that EDC representatives are and have been available to answer any questions about these activities and the associated risks. Participant is voluntarily participating in One Voice activities with knowledge of the risks. Therefore, we agree to accept and assume the inherent and other risks and any injury or other loss resulting from those risks or resulting from participant’s negligence or other misconduct. In addition, I (parent, for and on behalf of my participating minor child) agree to release the EDC with respect to any and all claims, liabilities, suits or expenses (“claims”), including claims resulting from the EDC’s or any contractor’s negligence (but not their gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct), for any injury, damage, death or other loss to me/my child in any way connected with my/my child’s participation in these activities, or use of any facilities, equipment or premises. We understand that we are solely responsible for covering any and all of participant’s medical costs and expenses. We grant permission for the participant to participate in all activities organized by or through the EDC and to use public transport. We authorize the EDC to take and use participant’s photo or image for promotional purposes without recourse by or compensation to us. We agree that this release is binding upon us, our family members, heirs, executors, representatives, subrogors and estate. DO NOT SIGN THIS RELEASE IS YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT OR IF YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH ITS TERMS.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____ Relationship _____

Trip Participant signature _____

Date _____



One Voice Hile Group Scholarship Permission Form

Date: Tuesday, March 6 – Thursday, March 8, 2012

Location: Washington, D.C.
Hotel: Embassy Suites D.C. – Convention Center, 900 10th St. NW, Washington, D.C.
20001 (202) 739-2099

Transportation:

- 1) Departing Bloomington on March 6 – in the am- flight and time TBD
- 2) Departing Washington, D.C. on March 8 – in the pm- flight and time TBD

This form must be returned with the Hile Group One Voice Scholarship Application by Friday, Feb. 3rd.

2012 One Voice Washington, D.C. Trip Permission Form

I give permission for me/my child (if applicant is a minor), _____, to attend the 2012 One Voice Washington, D.C. trip from Tuesday, March 6 through Thursday, March 8, 2012.

In case of emergency, I give permission for me/my child to receive medical treatment and I agree to assume responsibility for all costs and expenses incurred with respect to such treatment. In case of such emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Trip Participant Signature: _____