**Michigan Creativity Association**

**2021 Scholarship Application**

**MICA 2021 Scholarship Honoree:**

*The scholarship honoree is an individual who has made significant contributions to the creative problem-solving community in the State of Michigan, and has advanced the Destination Imagination program in some way. The honoree status is the top award that the Michigan Creativity Association can award to a volunteer of the program, and is voted on by the current MICA Board of Directors. Often, the distinguished honor of MICA Scholarship Honoree is awarded to a long-time volunteer or appraiser, previous coordinator or team manager who has continued their involvement, or community/business leader who has significantly impacted the Destination Imagination program.*

The 2021 MICA Scholarship Honoree is **Ron Dershem:**

**Ron first became involved with Destination Imagination as a team manager over 30 years ago and continues to be an important link in the Michigan Destination Imagination chain. He has held many roles over the years, including Instant Challenge appraiser, Regional Instant Challenge Master, Affiliate Instant Challenge Master, Affiliate Registration Director, and currently volunteers at the regional and affiliate levels as a Score Master. He was on the MICA Board of Directors for 10 years where he was on the team that developed the original online registration system for any DI program and administered the system for years. Ron is a huge asset to our Michigan Destination Imagination family and we are grateful for all he has done, and continues to do, for the program.**

**MICA 2021 Scholarship Applicant Requirements:**

All applicants of the Michigan Creativity Association scholarship must fulfill the following requirements:

* A current High School Senior, graduating at the conclusion of the 2020-21 Academic Year
* Planning to pursue a higher education at either a college/university, vocational school, or local education institution
* Have participated in the Destination Imagination program, and participated in Destination Imagination tournament sanctioned by the Michigan Creativity Association

**Scholarship Deadlines:**

Scholarship applications may be submitted either electronically via email or by mail.

 **EMAIL application**

Please email application materials to MichiganDestinationImagination@gmail.com by ***Sunday, March 14th, 2021 at 11:59pm***. Please include all materials in .pdf format only.

**MAIL application**

Please mail all application materials in a large envelope (8.5” x 11”, 9” x 13”, or larger), postmarked and mailed by ***March 8th, 2021*** to the following address:

**MICA Scholarship Review Committee**

c/o Caitie McFarland

6823 Saline Dr

Waterford, MI 48329

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**Scholarship Application – Basic Information**

**Applicant First Name: Applicant Last Name:**

**Current High School Attending:**

**Home Address:**

**Street: City: Zip:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**College/University/Vocational School you plan to attend in the 2021-22 Academic Year:**

**Intended academic major or course of study:**

**If you are currently on a team, please list the OFFICIAL team name, and team number:**

**Official Team Name (as it appeared in tournament schedule and registration system):**

**Official Team Number:**

 **122 –**

***Note: if you participated on more than one team this year, please just list one***

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**Scholarship Application – Involvement with Destination Imagination**

**Please indicate with an “X” the grades that you participated in Destination Imagination and attended a Michigan Creativity Association sanctioned tournament:**

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| **First Grade** |  |
| **Second Grade** |  |
| **Third Grade** |  |
| **Fourth Grade** |  |
| **Fifth Grade** |  |
| **Sixth Grade** |  |

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| **Seventh Grade** |  |
| **Eighth Grade** |  |
| **Ninth Grade** |  |
| **Tenth Grade** |  |
| **Eleventh Grade** |  |
| **Twelfth Grade** |  |

**Please list any accomplishments or awards received by Destination Imagination:**

***Example: DaVinci Award Team Recipient, 2017***

**Please list any additional creative problem solving programs that you have participated with:**

 ***Example: Future Problem Solvers, Ninth and Tenth Grade***

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**Scholarship Application – School & Community Involvement**

**Please list any school or community extra-curricular activities that you have participated with during your high school career. Please indicate which years you were involved, and any leadership roles held.**

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| **ACTIVITY** | **9th**  | **10th**  | **11th**  | **12th**  | **LEADERSHIP ROLE** |
| **Example: National Honor Society** |  |  | **x** | **x** | **Vice President (12)** |
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**Please list any significant volunteer contributions you have made with local not-for-profit organizations, schools, community organizations, or religious service-based institutions. Define how many hours you devoted to each organization each of the four years of your high school career.**

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| **ORGANIZATION** | **9th**  | **10th**  | **11th**  | **12th** |
| **Brantwood Township Parks & Recreation – Youth Science Fair** | **15** | **15** | **30** | **30** |
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**Please list any jobs held below, as well as length of employment:**

 ***Example: Donna’s Sub Shop, Sandwich Artist, July 2018-Current***

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**Scholarship Application – School & Community Recognition**

**Please list any school or community awards that you have received during your high school career. Please indicate which year you received this award and, if applicable, which organization granted you this award.**

 ***Example: Junior Year – 2018 Pardonnet High School Athlete of the Year Award***

**Please list any scholarships that you have already received for the 2021-22 Academic Year, including the institution granting the award:**

 ***Example: Chamberlin University Academic Distinction Award, $2,000 per semester***

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**Scholarship Application – Essays**

**In order for the scholarship review committee to get a better understanding of you as a candidate, please select TWO of the following three essays to respond to, and respond to the topic with no more than 300 words per essay. Please carefully read the three questions below, and write your thorough, yet concise essay on the following page. Please indicate which of the essay questions you are answering at the top of each essay. Your scholarship review will NOT be impacted by which of the two essay questions you select – please select the two that you believe will allow you to most effectively reflect on, and share your DI experience with the Scholarship Review Committee.**

**Similar to a DI challenge, you may approach these essays any way you choose, and may elect to be as formal or as conversational as you like. You may elect to show us your personality and individual style through these essays – this is your chance to connect with the members of the scholarship committee and leave a memorable impact.**

**Essay Question: MICHIGAN**

*Take a moment to reflect on the entirety of your experience with the Destination Imagination program and summarize how you, as an individual, have been personally impacted by your involvement. Please be sure to cite specific examples that are particularly memorable.*

**Essay Question: DESTINATION**

*Many high school students have continued their involvement with Destination Imagination outside of the traditional role as a team member. Please elaborate in what ways you have dedicated your time, energy, and innovation towards advancing the DI program in some manner.*

**Essay Question: IMAGINATION**

*Tell us about an instance when you utilized a particular skill or set of skills developed by your participation in Destination Imagination in another aspect of your life.*

***Essays will be reviewed with a criteria focusing on clear and effective***

***Communication style, quality of response, and creativity of response.***

**ESSAY #1**

***Place an X in the box next to the essay you are responding to:***

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| **ESSAY “MICHIGAN”** |  |
| **ESSAY “DESTINATION”** |  |
| **ESSAY “IMAGINATION”** |  |

**ESSAY #2**

***Place an X in the box next to the essay you are responding to:***

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| **ESSAY “MICHIGAN”** |  |
| **ESSAY “DESTINATION”** |  |
| **ESSAY “IMAGINATION”** |  |