

Dear Parents and Advisors,

We are delighted that your student has shown interest in applying for the Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovation and Creativity.

The MFS is not a traditional scholarship. While many scholarship opportunities are based on grades and scores, we understand that academic success reflects only one of many kinds of intelligence. The Milton Fisher Scholarship rewards creative problem-solving: recognizing a challenge and successfully addressing it in fresh ways.

From among the 8 winners and 6 honorable mentions from 2010, here are some examples:

- a. Donald Jacob Ness wanted to develop an edible pumpkin that could be grown in the Northeast without the use of herbicides or pesticides. Through dedicated personal research, he was able to create an economical variety of edible pumpkin that is also resistant to powdery mildew, a common problem for organic farmers throughout the region.
- b. Combining her interest in art therapy with her passion for the environment, Anna K. Wallant created a program for collecting and recycling used crayons. Developing a process for melting down old crayons, she was able to make sets of multi-colored crayons with inspirational messages written on the labels, which were packaged in eco-friendly boxes and given to art therapists in her community.
- c. As a student who did exceptionally well on his standardized tests, Aayush H. Upadhyay decided to analyze his personal insights and convert them into an innovative curriculum of test-taking skills and strategies that could be taught to fellow students at his school.

The application, which must be completed in English, may be challenging for some students. If the student gets discouraged or stuck, we hope that he or she will feel free to contact us. We may be able to offer some support in their efforts to complete the application if they are unable to find such support within their own school or community.

The application deadline for all of the information is April 18, 2011 for the 2011 cycle of awards. The decisions will not be made until August. Everyone who applies will be informed soon after the committee decisions are complete.

We wish all students good luck. We hope that you are proud of your child's accomplishments, and we look forward to receiving his or her completed application.