Webster’s New World Dictionary defines ethics as “the study of standards of conduct and moral judgment” and “the system or code of morals of a particular person, religion, group, profession, etc.” The mission of the Better Business Bureau system is to promote and foster the highest ethical relationship between business and the public through voluntary self-regulation, consumer and business education, and service excellence.

In 1999, the BBB Educational Foundation joined together with MSU’s College of Business Administration in establishing the Better Business Bureau/Dr. Louis J. Rodriguez Ethics Scholarship. Seldom does one find an individual who accomplished so much for a university and, in turn, gave so generously to his community. Dr. Rodriguez epitomized what ethics is all about, as he was a living example.

1. This scholarship will be awarded to a student who demonstrates high ethical standards based on letters of recommendation and the scholarship application. In the event of a tie, a personal interview with the selection committee may be requested.

2. The recipient of this scholarship must be a permanent U.S. resident of one of the 29 counties served by the Better Business Bureau of North Central Texas for at least one year: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Collin, Cooke, Cottle, Dallas, Delta, Denton, Ellis, Fannin, Foard, Grayson, Hardeman, Haskell, Hopkins, Hunt, Jack, Kaufman, King, Knox, Lamar, Montague, Rockwall, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young. Official university records will verify permanent residence status. If you have questions concerning your status, please contact the Office of the Registrar.

3. The recipient must have a declared major in a program area offered by the College of Business Administration or be classified as "pre-business" on all official university records.

4. The scholarship will be for one academic year only with the scholarship paid in two equal installments, one at the beginning of the fall semester and one at the beginning of the spring semester. Recipients must reapply to be considered in subsequent years.

5. The recipient may be a full or part-time student at MSU but must enroll in a minimum of 6 semester hours each semester to receive the scholarship.

6. Attach a resume, including all academic honors, awards and extra-curricular activities.

7. Attach an essay (150-200 words). Tell us about a situation where you witnessed someone’s ethical decision-making practices – either positive or negative. How did it influence you?
8. Two confidential letters of recommendation are required and should be mailed directly to:
   Donor Services and Scholarships
   Midwestern State University
   3410 Taft Blvd.
   Wichita Falls, TX 76308-2099

9. Completed scholarship application, resume, essay and letters of recommendation are to be submitted no later than **May 15**.

   **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

   Full Name_______________________________________ MSU ID ____________________
   Local
   Address__________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   Phone Number: _________________________________________________
   E-mail __________________________________________________________
   Cumulative GPA_________________
   Number of semester hours completed (at conclusion of spring semester) ____________
   Names of persons submitting recommendations (two are required):
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   List any financial aid (grants, loans) and/or scholarships you are receiving:
   Grants: _________________________________________________________
   Loans: _________________________________________________________
   Scholarships: ___________________________________________________