

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSION ON WOMEN AND FAMILIES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 by 3:00pm

A scholarship program created by the Montgomery County Commission on Women and Families and administered by The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a female, Montgomery County high school graduate or a senior preparing to graduate or GED recipient – or a female adult learner (over 22 years) returning to school. The grant applies only to those students who are seeking financial aid to complete their education at a two or four year accredited college/university and are fully matriculated. Graduate students are not eligible. YOU MAY NOT APPLY FOR THE 2017 SCHOLARSHIP IF YOU ARE TAKING A GAP YEAR 2017-2018.
- Applicant must be a resident of Montgomery County for at least one full year.
- All applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA to be eligible.
- All MCCWF Scholarship recipients must be a United States citizen.
- Awards of MCCWF Scholarships will be made without taking into consideration race, ethnicity, religion, disability or perception of disability.
- The MCCWF Scholarship is awarded based on financial need and academic performance.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. Please answer all questions, attach requested documents and make sure the application is signed by applicant and/or parent/guardian. If a question does not apply to you, please mark “N/A”.

Each of your attachments should be **labeled** with the corresponding alphabetical letter indicated on the list below. Please label each document **boldly** on the top right-hand corner.

A Completed Application Includes: (Please check the boxes to indicate the attachments you have submitted. If an attachment is not applicable to you, please mark “N/A” next to the check box)

- Attachment “A”** Copy of your official high school transcript (if applicable).
- Attachment “B”** Copy of your official college/university transcript.
- Attachment “C”** Copy of acceptance letter received from the college/university you plan to attend or proof of matriculation subsequently.
- Attachment “D”** Copy of your financial award letter from the college/university you attend/plan to attend.
- Attachment “E”** Copy of your final (multi-paged) Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA at the U.S. Department of Education. The application process is outlined on the FAFSA website at www.FAFSA.ed.gov.
- Attachment “F”** Copy of your college/university’s estimated cost of attendance.
(This information can be obtained from the college’s financial aid office, college brochure or website).
- Attachment “G”** Essay: Statement of Goals for Furthering Education, Current Activities and Achievements and pertinent additional information including any “Unusual Circumstances”.
- Attachment “H”** Recommendation Form (provided with the application) must be completed by a high school teacher or college academic teacher and placed in a sealed envelope by the person who completed the form and submitted with this application.

Application does not guarantee receipt of scholarship award.

Please mail your application and all required attachments in ONE envelope to:

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APPLICANT INFORMATION *Please print or type*

Name _____
Last First Middle

Permanent Address

Street

City County State Zip

Telephone (_____) _____ Email: _____
Please print clearly

Date of birth _____ Gender: _____ Social Security: XXX – XX – ____ – ____ – ____

US Citizen (circle one) Yes No

FAMILY INFORMATION *Please circle relationship*

Father/step-father/guardian _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Mother/step-mother/guardian _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Number of siblings financially dependent on parent(s)/guardian _____ Total number of family members _____

If you are an independent student:

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Number of dependents: _____

Annual Family Income: (Adjusted Gross Income)

Under \$25,000 \$25,000 - \$35,000 \$35,000 - \$45,000
 \$45,000 - \$55,000 \$55,000 - \$75,000 Over \$75,000

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please attach: A copy of your official transcript (Attachment "A")

High School _____

Year of Graduation _____ SAT Scores: _____ Class Rank _____

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please attach: A copy of your acceptance letter received from the college/university (Attachment "C")
 A copy of your post-high school transcript if applicable (Attachment "B")

What is your current status? Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Institution for which aid is requested _____

_____ *Street*

City *State* *Zip*

Intended field of study: _____ **Degree Sought** _____

If you are presently a college student, please give your GPA: _____ **Expected graduation date:** _____

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Please attach: Financial award letter from your college/university (Attachment "D")
 Copy of your complete final (multi-paged) SAR or FAFSA Report returned from the U. S. Department of Education (Attachment "E")

Cost of Education per year:

Please attach: Copy of your college/university's estimated cost of attendance (Attachment "F")

EXPENSES

	<u>Amount</u>
Tuition and Fees	\$ _____
Room and Board (Only if rooming on campus)	\$ _____
Books and Supplies	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ _____ (A)

INCOME

NAME OF GRANT OR SCHOLARSHIP

Federal, State & Other Awards (List loans and work study in Loan section on Page 7)	_____	\$ _____	
	_____	\$ _____	
	_____	\$ _____	
	_____	\$ _____	
College Grants & Scholarships (List loans and work study in Loan section on Page 7)	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> applied <input type="checkbox"/> received
	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> applied <input type="checkbox"/> received
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	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> applied <input type="checkbox"/> received
	_____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> applied <input type="checkbox"/> received

TOTAL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ _____(B)
Estimated Family Contribution from Student Aid Report (SAR)	\$ _____(C)
TOTAL INCOME (Item B plus Item C)	\$ _____(D)
FINANCIAL NEED (Item A minus Item D)	\$ _____(E)

<u>LOANS AND EMPLOYMENT</u>	NAME OF SOURCE	
Loans:	_____	\$ _____
	_____	\$ _____
Employment:	_____	\$ _____
TOTAL LOANS & EMPLOYMENT		\$ _____

Financial information is confidential.

ESSAY (Attachment "G")

1. Please attach a statement describing your personal ambitions and educational and career goals. This statement should be a 1-2 page typewritten double-space essay and must include information that will answer each of the following questions:

SECTION ONE: Statement of Goals and Furthering Education

- What are your short and long term career goals and what do you feel has inspired or contributed to the development of these goals?
- How do you plan to apply career goals to benefit society?
- Beyond your career goals what is your personal life's mission?

SECTION TWO: Current Activities and Achievements

SECTION THREE: Unusual Circumstances

Describe any additional information you would like us to know about you such as, personal, financial, or family circumstances.

Sections ONE, TWO, and THREE should be answered separately. Please number each response.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

I, (we) certify that the information on this form is true and compete to the best of my (our) knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc., I (we) agree to give the documentation for information given on this form. I (we) realize that failure to comply with a request for additional information may prevent the applicant from receiving any aid. I also grant The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc., permission to use my photograph and/or selected quotes on their website and in future publications.

Applicant Signature Date

Parent/Step-parent/Guardian Signature Date

Send completed application and all required attachments together in **ONE** envelope to:
The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc., 4 Sentry Parkway East, Suite 302, Blue Bell, PA 19422

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY Wednesday, May 3, 2017 BY 3:00pm.
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

*Thank you notes for scholarship grants should be sent to:
Virginia Frantz, President & CEO,
The Montgomery County Foundation, Inc. at the above address.*

Attachment H, the recommendation form follows on next pages.

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Scholarship Recommendation Form

**This recommendation form must be completed by a high school or college academic teacher
and placed in a sealed envelope by the person who completed the form.
The sealed envelope should be submitted along with the application.**

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Applicant's Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Print

Applicant's Signature _____
Note: Signature grants permission to send information

Academic Evaluation *Check in the appropriate column your estimate of each trait listed.*

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
Academic Ability					
Academic Performance					
Academic Motivation					
Academic Growth Potential					

Personal Evaluation *Check in the appropriate column your estimate of each trait listed.*

	Outstanding	Good	Average	Below Average	No Basis For Judgment
Originality					
Energy					
Independence					
Leadership					
Maturity					
Initiative					
Reaction to set-backs					
Trustworthy					
Sensitivity to others					

In what context and for how long have you known the applicant?

Describe this applicant.

How do you think this applicant will perform in college?

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone No.: _____