



Montgomery County Agricultural Center Scholarships
2017

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc. (MCAC) offers over \$35,000 in post-secondary scholarships to volunteers who are planning to further their education in agriculture, family and consumer sciences, or other fields of study. Applicants must provide documentation of volunteer service to a non-profit organization to be eligible for these scholarships. Scholarships will be offered as indicated below to be awarded in March at our annual meeting including the Hazel Staley Scholarship, Mac Cramer Scholarship and R.W. Farmer Scholarship.

Your completed application, transcript and supporting documentation must be received at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center Inc, 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 no later than Monday, November 13, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.

The scholarship winners will be notified by mail in February and announced at the annual meeting in March.

If you have any further questions please contact one of the committee members listed below.

Scholarship committee:

Joy Schwab	301-253-3294
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SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND DETAILS

The following guidelines have been established for eligibility of scholarships offered by the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc. (MCAC).

1. Applicant must be at least a current junior in high school. Previous scholarship recipients may re-apply each year after completing one semester of college, university, or trade school. Applicant can be an adult seeking further education. Applicants must provide documentation of volunteer service to a non-profit organization to be eligible for these scholarships.
2. **All applicants (including previous scholarship recipients) must submit a typed or computer generated application (NO HAND WRITTEN APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED), most recent transcript of grades, and a Resume.**
3. Applications must be received **on or before Monday, November 13, 2017 by 4:00 p.m.** at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Scholarship winners will be notified by mail in February and announced at the annual meeting in early March.
4. Scholarships will be paid directly to the College, University, or trade school of your choice. Scholarship money at an institution of higher learning that remains from a student who withdraws prior to the end of an academic session, will be returned by the institution to the MCAC. Scholarships must be used within 5 years of the Annual Meeting when it was awarded.
5. MCAC paid staff, children of staff, relatives of staff are not eligible to apply for a scholarship.
6. Scholarship applications will be evaluated for merit, and scholarship awards made, by impartial judges who have no knowledge or connection to the applicants.

The criteria for rating scholarship applications will be:

35% - Achievements and volunteer service: community, church, school involvement

15% - Grades (for current students)

10% - Future educational plans

The criteria for rating the essay will be:

15% - Content

15% - Writing quality

10% - Leadership

7. The scholarship application is available on the Ag Center Web Page (mcagfair.com) or by calling the 4-H office at 301-590-3210 or the Fair Office at 301-926-3210.

Application Packet Requirements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Typed Application
<input type="checkbox"/>	Current Transcript with GPA (High School or College)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resume

Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc.
Educational Scholarship Application
2017

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2017 to the Montgomery County Agricultural Center Inc. 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

Use Additional sheets as necessary.
Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

1. Applicant.

First, Middle and Last Name _____

Parents Name: Mother _____ Father: _____

Guardian _____

2. Age on January 1, of this year _____ Birth date _____

3. Residence:

A. Home Address: _____

_____ Zip Code _____

B. Telephone Number: _____ e-mail _____

4. School:

A. Year in high school _____ Junior _____ Senior

B. If a high school graduate, name and address of high school

Date of Graduation: _____

C. Year in college: Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ N/A ____

D. College, university, or trade schools attended beyond the high school level:

Name of Institution	Date of Attendance	Credits Earned	Scholastic GPA
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E. Current employment: _____

5. Describe how you will benefit from receiving this scholarship and your future educational plans.

6. Describe the reasons for choosing your field of study.

7. Volunteer leadership and accomplishments.

8. **Essay question.**

What impact has the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair had on your life and how can you use these experiences to impact others?
(250 - 500 words)

I have personally prepared this application and believe it to be correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Application has been reviewed by:

Signature of Parent or guardian if under the age of 18