



Montgomery County Agricultural Center Scholarships
2018

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. 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, supporting documentation must be received at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center Inc, 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, no later than Monday, November 19, 2018, 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:

Lorelei Irons	240-793-3393
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER, INC. 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. Applicants must be in or beyond the junior year 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.
2. Applicants must provide documentation of volunteer service(s) to non-profit organization(s) to be eligible for these scholarships.
3. All applicants must submit a typed or computer-generated application. (NO HAND-WRITTEN APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED)
 - a. most recent transcript of grades showing grades for at least two semesters,
 - b. and a resume. (See template included below.)
4. Applications must be received **on or before Monday, November 19, 2018 by 4:30 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 March.
5. Scholarships will be paid directly to the college, university, or trade school of your choice. Scholarships must be used within 5 years of the Annual Meeting when it was awarded.
 - a. Scholarship money at an institution of higher learning after a student withdraws will be returned to the MCAC.
6. Scholarship applications will be evaluated for merit by impartial judges who have no knowledge or connection to the applicants. All personal information will be redacted from each application to assure unbiased scoring.

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 301-926-3100.

Application Packet Requirements

- Typed Application
- Current Transcript for 2 semesters with GPA
(High School or College)
- Resume use 4-H format -

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Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc.
Educational Scholarship Application
2018

Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 to the Montgomery County Agricultural Center Inc. 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

Scholarship funding is based on the amount approved by the Board of Directors. It is subject to change which will potentially limit the number of scholarship awards provided.

1. Applicant.

First, Middle and Last Name

Parents Name: Mother: Father:

Or Guardian:

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

3. Residence:

A. Home Address:

City Zip Code

B. Telephone Number: e-mail:

4. School:

A. Graduation year:

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:

Dates of Attendance:

E. Current employment and length of service (if applicable):

5. Transcript: Attach 2 semesters of your most recent coursework. If you are currently in your first semester of college or trade school, attach your high school transcript. If you are currently in your second semester of college or trade school, attach your first semester and high school transcripts.

6. Describe how you will benefit from receiving this scholarship including the relationship to your future educational plans.

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

8. Volunteer leadership and accomplishments. Please list each item on separate lines indicating organization, position/task/accomplishments, and date(s) of involvement.

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9. **Essay question.**

Develop a social media campaign that would accomplish one of the following two objectives:

1. Market and publicize the Fair to increase attendance
2. Encourage entries into Home Arts, Farm and Garden and/or Arts and Crafts.

(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

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