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## Montgomery County Agricultural Center Scholarships 2020

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., (MCAC) offers \$27,000 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 and Mac Cramer Scholarship.

Your completed application, supporting documentation must be postmarked or delivered to the Montgomery County Agricultural Center Inc, 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, no later than **November 10, 2020**.

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

If you have any further questions, please contact the Fair office at 301-926-3100 Ext.205.

Scholarship committee:

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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 **only after** completing one semester of college, university, or trade school. Applicant can be an adult seeking further education, using most recent transcript or High School Graduation transcript.
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 postmarked or delivered **on or before November 10, 2020**. at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Scholarship winners will be notified 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](http://mcagfair.com)) or by calling the Fair Office at 301-926-3100.

**Application Packet Requirements**  
**Please submit application in the order below**

- Typed Application
- Typed Essay 250-500 Words
- Resume use 4-H format - See page 5
- Current Transcript for current semester with GPA (High School or College)

Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc.  
Educational Scholarship Application  
2020

Applications must be postmarked or delivered by November 10, 2020 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, State:                                      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.

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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.

9. **Essay question.**

Develop a new contest for the Fair - pick any department. Include rules, premiums, and logistical arrangements that might be needed.

(250 - 500 words) Please submit on separate sheet sheet of paper, must be typed.

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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# Your Name

Address  
City, State ZIP  
Phone  
Email

## **Objective**

A brief, concise paragraph in which you outline your academic plans and goals, as well as give an overview of your educational background.

## **Academic History**

- Your major (actual or anticipated)
- Your minors (if applicable) (actual or anticipated)
- Your graduation date, or expected graduation if you're still studying
- The name of your current educational institution
- Your current GPA
- Key academic achievements
- Extracurricular activities

## **Work History**

- Create separate entries for each work experience which lists the name of your position, the company, the location, and dates worked.
  - Underneath each job, add bullet points that describe your responsibilities.

## **Leadership**

- Include the title and responsibilities for all leadership positions you have held.

## **Awards and Recognitions**

- List the organization giving the award, the award title and the month and year it was given.
- Under each award provide a brief description of the purpose of the award.

## **Volunteer & Community Service**

- Create separate entries for each service experience; indicating the organization name, city and state. In bullets under each organization add separate bullets indicating the position or title you held; your duties and accomplishments, the number of hours you volunteered; the department in which you volunteered; and the timeline of your involvement.

## **Key Skills**

- List any specialized or technical skills related to your area of pursuit. Include any software, programming and/or technology skill if appropriate.

## **Interest and Activities**

- This tells a little more about you that may not be included in the items above.