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Montgomery County Agricultural Center

Scholarship Information

2027

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., (MCAC) offers post-secondary scholarships to volunteers who are planning to further their education. Scholarships will be awarded in May at our annual meeting. These scholarships are funded in the following two ways:

A. The MCAC General Scholarship Fund that is approved by the Board of Directors

B. Restricted Fund Memorial Scholarships

- The Hazel & Mehrle Staley Scholarship
- The Mac Cramer Scholarship
- The Carl Holland Sr. Scholarship
- The Tom Smith Memorial Scholarship
- The Doanld Wayne Memorial Scholarship
- The Ed Hogan Memorial Scholarship

Applications must be submitted through Google Form by **11:59 pm on January 10, 2027.**

Applicants will be asked to submit PDF attachments of their transcripts, a resume that includes MCAC and SSL work performed on the Fairgrounds. All attachments must follow the defined format for naming each file (see details within the application for questions).

The scholarship winners will be notified in April and presented at the annual meeting in May.

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

MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER, INC. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND DETAILS

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The following guidelines have been established for eligibility of scholarships offered by the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc. (MCAC). All criteria must be met or the application will be disqualified.

1. Applications must be submitted on or before **January 10, 2027, at 11:59 pm** through the Google Form application link found at the bottom of this page. Scholarship winners will be notified by email in April. The scholarship recipient, or a designated individual must be present at the Annual Meeting to receive their scholarship. If a person does not show up, they do not receive their scholarship. If their money has been sent to a school and they do not show up to receive their certificate, they are ineligible to receive future scholarships.
2. Applicants must be in or beyond junior year in high school.
    a. Previous scholarship recipients may re-apply each year only after completing one semester of college, university, or technical school with a minimum semester GPA of 2.5.
    b. The applicant can be an adult seeking further education.
3. Applicants must upload their most recent transcript as indicated below:
    a. High School two semesters
    b. College two semesters
    c. Minimum 2 semesters of a combination of High School and College transcripts.
4. Applicants must provide documentation of at least 4 hours of volunteer service that can be a combination of MCAC and SSL performed on the Fairgrounds to be eligible for these scholarships.
    a. This information will be included within the Resume.
    b. You must use the MCAC Resume Guidelines and example at: **CLICK HERE**
5. Scholarships will be paid directly to the college, university, or technical school of your choice.
6. Scholarships must be used within 6 years of the Annual Meeting when it was awarded.
    a. Scholarship money held at an institution of higher learning will be returned to the MCAC if a student were to withdraw. Scholarship money that is returned to MCAC will no longer be available to the applicant.
    b. MCAC funding can only be used to pay for a class one time. Retaking a Failure grade, or a class for any reason cannot be paid for with MCAC scholarship funds and will require repayment with no additional scholarship awards to be received until repayment is made.
    c. All scholarship awards are paid directly to the college that is identified by the recipient.
7. 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 ensure unbiased scoring.
    a. The criteria for rating scholarship applications will be:
        i. 25% - Achievements and non-profit volunteer services (community, church, school involvement)
        ii. 15% - Grades (for current students)
        iii. 10% - Evidence of Leadership
        iv. 10% - Future educational plans
    b. The criteria for rating the essay will be:
        i. 15% - Content
        ii. 15% - Writing quality
        iii. 10% - Realistic potential for the implementation of the plan as described in the essay

The application link: MCAC Scholarship Application

You will receive a confirmation email when your application is submitted.