

**MONTCLAIR AFRICAN-AMERICAN
HERITAGE FOUNDATION**

2018

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Purpose, “To share wealth and work, then, is to share concern, care and responsibility for a new, more human and fulfilling future”.

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the MAAHF (Montclair African-American Heritage Foundation) Scholarship is to assist Montclair youth in their journey to become productive and viable citizens. Our goal is to have the MAAHF scholarship be recognized as a practical educational tool for students within the Montclair community.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

- **The applicant must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school in Montclair, New Jersey.**
- **The applicant and/parent or guardian must be residents of Montclair, New Jersey. Proof of residential status must be included in the application.**
- **Applicants will be evaluated on neatness, promptness and the successful completion of his or her submission. This includes the fulfillment of requests for:**
 - **(a) the latest academic transcript**
 - **(b) a brief essay**
 - **(c) a mandatory interview with the Scholarship Committee**
- **Applicants must present documentation of financial need.**
- **Applicants must show a record of significant progress in core academic subjects and/or their chosen field of study, i.e. the arts, during their junior and throughout their senior year.**

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APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **The completed application, essay, transcript and all requested information should be mailed to:**

**Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation
228 Bloomfield Avenue
Montclair, New Jersey 07042
ATTN: MAAHF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Filing Deadline: Monday, April 23, 2018

**APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS FILING
DEADLINE. INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

2. **Each applicant must submit his or her latest transcript including the academic average to date. Submitted information should include the grading system applied, e.g., A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, etc.**
3. **Applicants accepted into an accredited college or professional school must provide official documentation or a copy of an acceptance letter.**
4. **Each applicant must submit a typed, concise and carefully written essay not exceeding 500 words. The essay should address one of the five questions listed at the end of this application.**
5. **Each applicant must submit two letters of recommendation from a non-family member that includes work experience, if applicable, and community service. If a student has substantial work experience, a resume should also be included.**
6. **All information presented in the application must be factual and verifiable. Both the applicant and a parent/guardian must sign the submitted application.**

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7. **Upon receipt of enrollment verification for the fall semester, the scholar will receive the first scholarship check, which is half the annual allotment of \$1000. Payment for the spring semester is contingent upon successful completion of the fall semester with grades of 2.5 or better. Scholars are required to maintain the 2.5 cumulative grade point average throughout the duration of the scholarship.**
8. **At the end of each semester, grades should be forwarded to:**

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SELECTION PROCESS

- A. Applications will be screened and evaluated by the MAAHF Scholarship Committee.**
- B. All applications, information and discussion will be kept strictly confidential.**
- C. All selected applicants are required to meet with the Scholarship Committee as the final part of the application process. After receipt of the completed application, the applicant will be contacted by e-mail and/or phone to arrange a suitable time and date for this meeting. If the date must be changed, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact the Scholarship Committee at 973-226-8889, Ext. 2.**
- D. If there are circumstances that require a special interview time and place, please describe them here. An additional sheet of paper can be attached if more space is needed.**

- E. The awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Nishuane Park in Montclair, New Jersey. Scholarship checks will be issued jointly to the applicant and parent/guardian.**

F. SUMMARY OF CRITICAL DATES

Filing Deadline: Monday, April 23, 2018

Interviews: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 — Friday, May 11, 2018

MAAHF Scholarship Recipients Award Presentation:

Saturday June 2, 2018 at Nishuane Park

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Please print or type all information

Full Name (Applicant):

Address:

**Applicant's
Home Telephone:**

**Applicant's
Cell Phone:**

Parent/

**Applicant's
E-mail:**

**Parent/Guardian
E-mail:**

Parent/Guardian Full Name(s):

High School:

Year of Graduation:

Prospective Field of Study:

Career Objectives:

Overall GPA: _____
(Transcript Required)

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP (cont'd.)

Please list school activities in which you have been actively involved or played a leadership role:

Please list any other activities, e.g., volunteer, civic community, in which you have been actively involved including offices held:

Please list at least two (2) non-family references that can attest to your character and verify your involvement in school and community activities.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Home Telephone # _____ Home Telephone # _____

Cell Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Number of dependents in household _____

Annual Income: \$0-20,999 _____ \$21-45,999 _____ \$46-60,999 _____ \$61,000 + _____

Reduced Lunch: YES _____ NO _____

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP (cont'd.)

QUALIFYING ESSAY

Please select one (1) of the following questions and prepare a typed 500-word essay. You should carefully review your submission for correct grammar, neatness, and typographical errors. The essay is an important part of the application process.

Select one (1) question

1. How have your academic and career goals been affected by the current political climate?
2. Tell us about a community service project or other activity in which you have participated and how it enriched your life.
3. Having the benefit of hindsight, what advice would you offer a high school freshman and why?
4. Tell us how you plan to reach back and support those who aspire to further their education.
5. Have your personal values ever been challenged? If so, what did you do?

Applicant's Statement of Assurance

I declare that the information contained in this application is true. I understand that if any false information is included, I will be prohibited from applying for future scholarships from the MAAHF Scholarship Committee. If needed, the committee may request additional financial documentation from my parent /guardian.

Applicant's signature:

Parent /Guardian signature(s):
