

MONTCLAIR AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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.

MAAHF 2020 ADINKRA SYMBOL



To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

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CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

- The applicant must be a graduating senior from a public or private high school located within Montclair, New Jersey.
- The applicant and parent/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 year and throughout their senior year.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The completed application, essay, transcript and all requested information must be mailed or hand delivered to:

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

Filing Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2020

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

2. Each applicant must submit his or her latest official 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 (2) 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 résumé 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.
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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Montclair, New Jersey 07042
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SELECTION PROCESS

1. Applications will be screened and evaluated by the MAAHF Scholarship Committee.
2. All application information and discussions will be kept strictly confidential.
3. 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.
4. If there are circumstances that require a special interview time and place, please describe here. An additional sheet of paper can be attached if more space is needed.
5. The Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2020, the MAAHF Festival held at Nishuane Park, Montclair, New Jersey. Scholarship checks will be issued jointly to the applicant and parent/guardian.
6. Summary of critical dates:
 - Filing Deadline: Friday, May 8, 2020
 - Interviews: Tuesday, May 19, - Friday, May 21, 2020
 - MAAHF Scholarship Recipients Award Presentation – Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Nishuane Park

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Please print or type all information

Full Name (Applicant):

Home Address:

Home Telephone No.:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

High School:

Year of Graduation: _____ Overall GPA: _____

(official transcript required)

Prospective Field of Study: _____

Career Objectives:

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.

(1) Name: _____

Address: _____

(2) Name: _____

Address: _____

PARENT'S / GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Full Name(s):

Address:

Home Telephone No.:

Cell Phone Number:

Email Address:

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Number of dependents in household: _____

Annual Income: \$0 - 20,999 \$21,000 - \$45,999

\$46,000 - \$60,999 \$61,000 +

Reduced Lunch: YES NO

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:

Date

Parent /Guardian signature(s):

Date

Date



