

# Michigan Lama Association

**Kathy Larson  
And  
Laurel Zechlinski  
Memorial Scholarships**

# Scholarship Application Packet

## General Application Guidelines:

- Remember to complete ALL information requested. If a question does not apply to you, please write in N/A (meaning not applicable).
- Remember to write the last four numbers of your Social Security Number at the top of each page.
- This will ensure that each page has your identity listed in case any portion is separated.
- Applicant must be a MLA member before February 1st in the year of applying.
- Details of contributions and/or volunteered time to the MLA during the past 5 years.

Submit the application and accompanying documents by July 1st of the year of application to:

Corky Dubois  
9879 Bliss Rd.  
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Application and supporting documents may be submitted electronically. If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, please contact: Corky at [egflamas@yahoo.com](mailto:egflamas@yahoo.com) or (616) 902-2382.

## Selection Process and Criteria

The MLA Board or its appointed agency will select five (4) non-affiliated MLA members to form a selection committee. Also, sitting on the committee will be Ron Zechlinski. Committee members will review each application on a point basis. Total points from the committee members will be averaged to determine an applicant's ranking in the evaluation process. Final selection of the winner(s) will be based on the ranking averages.

Selection will be made by evaluating each initial application on a 100 point scale:

- 10 points academic performance based on an official transcript from high school or current transcript from an accredited post high school.
- 25 points extra-curricular activities and community involvements including MLA related activities (Including details of contributions and/or volunteered time to the MLA during the past 5 years).
- 20 points personal essay.

- 25 points MLA member recommendation.
- 10 points over all impression and need.
- 10 points academic recommendation.

Selection for renewal will be made by evaluating each application on a 60 point scale:

- 40 points academic performance based on official transcript(s) from the academic institution the student is currently attending or has attended. Transcripts must include information for at least 2 consecutive terms.
- 20 points personal essay
- If competing with initial applicants, the renewal score will be proportional to the 100 point scale used for initial applicants.

## **Scholarship Description**

In the fall of 2003, the MLA board approved the development on an annual scholarship program. The intent of this award is to help members and their families offset a portion of the educational expense for vocational and academic training beyond high school. This program will be administered by the MLA board or its appointed agency. In 2011 the Laurel Zechlinski Memorial Scholarship was established by Ron Zechlinski as a separate scholarship administered by the MLA board or its appointed agency.

Each scholarship consists of \$1,000 stipend given to the students chosen by a selection committee determined by the MLA board. The scholarships will be presented at Lamafest each fall.

Once awarded, the scholarship would be renewable by application for any year a student attends an institution granting skill certification, associate, undergraduate or graduate degrees. A student would be eligible to renew the scholarship a maximum of three times during his/her academic career.

The number of scholarship awards and/or renewals will be determined annually. This determination will be made by the board or its appointed agency based on the funds available, the number of applicants and the selection process.

## **Scholarship Eligibility**

### **Applicants must:**

- **Currently be a member of MLA or the child of an MLA member family as of February 1 of current year.**
- **Currently attending High School or an accredited Trade/Technical School, Junior College or University.**
- **Carry a minimum of 12 semester hours or 10 term hours at an accredited Trade/Technical School, Junior College or University.**
- **Hold a minimum of 2.7 grade point for a 7 semester cumulative average in high school or a 3.0 cumulative average in an accredited Trade/Technical School, Junior College or University.**
- **Demonstrate good citizenship qualities in school and community.**
- **Complete the application requirements within the established time lines.**

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**July 1st**

## Applicant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Family Information

Father/Stepfather/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place Of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

List the name(s) and ages of siblings living in the same household.

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## Academic Information

- **Graduating seniors must include an official high school transcript with includes: ACT Scores and Class Rank. The transcript must include 7 consecutive semesters. For home schooled students, contact administrator for requirements.**
- **Graduating seniors must include a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school he/she plans to attend.**
- **Initial applicants currently enrolled in a Trade/Technical School, Junior College or University must include a current transcript from the institution. A high school transcript is not necessary.**
- **Renewal applicants must include an official transcript from the Trade/Technical, Junior College, and/or Universities he/she has attended.**

Name of school you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a \_\_\_ public school      \_\_\_ private institution?

Do you expect to be a \_\_\_ full time student    \_\_\_ part time student in the coming year?

Anticipate or declare field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

What influenced your decision to pursue this field: \_\_\_\_\_

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What other scholarships (with amounts) have you received already for the year of application?

NAME

AMOUNT

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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What other scholarships have you applied for?

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## Work Experience

Please describe any paid work experience (including self employment) you have had. Include summer employment as well as employment during the school year. Start with your most recent experience.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates

## Aspirations and Goals

Initial applicants must submit an essay that addresses each question/subject listed below. Your total response should be no shorter than 500 words or longer than 800 words.

- Information about your involvement with lamas or your family's involvement with lamas.
- Your personal and career goals based on the field of study you have chosen.
- How you would use this scholarship to further your education
- Any additional information or factors not included on the application you believe should be considered by the committee reviewing your application.

Renewal applicants must submit an essay that addresses each question/subject listed below. Your total response should be no shorter than 25 words or longer than 500 words.

- How you used the previous stipend(s) and your current need.
- Information about your current educational goals.
- Any additional information or factors not included on the application you believe should be considered by the committee reviewing your application

## Recommendations

Initial applicants must include 2 personal recommendations:

- One personal recommendation from a teacher, employer, clergyman, etc., that includes information about your character, social skills, work ethic and academic or employability potential.
- One personal recommendation from a non-parental MLA member that includes information about your social skills, work ethic and involvement with lamas.

Renewable applications are not required to submit recommendations.

## Certification

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this application form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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Applicant Signature

Date

## Submitting Process

Graduating high school seniors and initial applicants must submit:

- ✓ Completed application form (pages with last four number of social security number).
- ✓ Official high school or college transcript. High school transcripts must include ACT scores and Class Rank.
- ✓ Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the school you plan to attend.
- ✓ Aspirations and Goals essay.
- ✓ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation.

Renewal applicants must submit:

- ✓ Completed application form excluding high school information.
- ✓ Official transcript from the Technical/Trade School, Junior College or University you attended.
- ✓ Renewal essay.

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