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scholarship application



Ten Scholarships. **One Application.**



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DIRECTIONS:

This application form may be used to apply for the ten scholarships offered through the Baltimore Community Foundation. The requirements for each scholarship are different. Select the scholarship(s) for which you qualify and review their requirements carefully.

Your scholarship application (s) and all supporting documentation must be submitted in one envelope postmarked by **April 1, 2009**. You need to submit a copy of the common application and supporting documents for each scholarship for which you are applying. **Mail the common scholarship application(s) to:**

Anne Ross Knoeller
Baltimore Community Foundation
2 East Read Street, 9th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

CHECKLIST:

Each application **must** include the following;

- Pages 5 through 7 of the application form completed**
- Two (2) letters* of recommendation submitted in sealed envelopes**
*Eric and Cara Thorn Memorial Scholarship and One Step Up Scholarship require three (3) letters
- All required essay(s) as described on the following pages**
- Your name and the name of the scholarship you are applying for must be on the upper right hand corner of each essay submitted**
If you are applying for more than one scholarship which has the same essay question, please make multiple copies of your essay
- List of awards and activities**
Eric and Cara Thorn Memorial Scholarship only
- Official Transcript**
Through the first semester of senior year including your class rank and GPA (if in high school) or current college transcript
- Completed Financial Assistance Questionnaire**
See the last page of this application
- Copy of acceptance letter(s) from an accredited college or university (if available)**

All applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2009.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

For questions, please contact: Anne Knoeller at 410-332-4172 x171 or aknoeller@bcf.org

Artemis Scholarship

\$500 - \$1,000 (non-renewable)

To apply, you must:

- be female;
- be graduating from a Baltimore City public high school and
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Named for Artemis, the ancient Greek Goddess of the moon and hunt, this scholarship is for young women graduating from Baltimore City public high schools who wish to pursue higher education.

Essay: Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay explaining your commitment to the pursuit of a college education and your academic and/or career goals for the future.

Mildred M. Coughlin Scholarship

\$500 - \$1,000 (non-renewable)

To apply, you must:

- be female;
- be graduating from Western High School;
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and
- plan to attend a four-year liberal arts college or university.

Named for a former Principal of Western High School, this scholarship is for young women graduating from Western High School who intend to attend a four-year liberal arts college or university.

Essay: Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay explaining your commitment to the pursuit of a liberal arts education and/or career goals for the future.

Digital Harbor High School Community Scholarship

\$2,000 (renewable)

To apply, you must:

- be graduating from Digital Harbor High School;
- plan to attend a 2 or 4 year school or enroll in a community college certificate program and
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Established by residents of the Harborview and Key Highway neighborhoods, this scholarship is for students graduating from Digital Harbor High School who demonstrate both academic merit and financial need. Students graduating from Digital Harbor High School who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year school or who enroll in a community college certificate program are eligible to apply.

Essay: Submit a 300-500 word type written essay explaining your commitment to the pursuit of a college education and your academic and career goals for the future.

Walther H. Feldmann Scholarship

\$1,500 (renewable)

To apply, you must:

- be graduating from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (BPI);
- be in the top 25% of the graduating class of the "A" Course curriculum at BPI;
- demonstrate leadership qualities and
- have contributed to BPI in a constructive way through your active participation in extra-curricular activities.

Established in honor of William R. King, a former Principal of Baltimore Polytechnic High School, this scholarship is for students from Baltimore Polytechnic High School who are in the top 25% of their graduating class of the "A" Course curriculum. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership qualities as evidenced by participation in extra-curricular activities including election to student government office, student club office, captain of athletic teams, or appointment to leadership positions at BPI.

Essay: Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay explaining your commitment to the pursuit of a higher education, and the leadership qualities you possess that will help you achieve your academic and career goals.

Harry Z. Isaacs Scholarship

\$500 - \$1,000 (renewable for children of current employees of I.C. Isaacs and subsidiaries)

To apply, you must:

- have a parent or guardian currently employed at I.C. Isaacs, (priority will be given to these applicants) or a subsidiary;
- be graduating from a Baltimore City public high school and
- be seeking acceptance at an accredited college or university.

Established by the late Harry Z. Isaacs, this scholarship is for the children of employees of I.C. Isaacs & Company and subsidiaries or graduates of Baltimore City Public high schools. Priority will be given to applicants who have a parent or guardian who is currently employed by I.C. Isaacs & Company and subsidiaries.

Essay: Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay explaining your commitment to the pursuit of a college education and your academic and/or career goals for the future.

Christa McAuliffe Scholarship

\$1,000 (renewable)

To apply, you must:

- have resided in Maryland for at least six months;
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- either be a
 - o graduating high school senior;
 - o or college student enrolled at an accredited Maryland college;
 - o or university which has an approved teacher education program leading to certification.

Established to honor the ideas and memory of Christa McAuliffe, the scholarship is designated for aspiring teachers. This scholarship is open to Maryland residents graduating from any high school or college students attending a college in Maryland and who plan to pursue a teaching career in the state of Maryland.

Essays: Submit type-written essays of not more than 300 words on each of the following topics:

- “Why I want to be a teacher”
- “The special talents and abilities I possess that will be helpful in a teaching career”

One Step Up Scholarship Fund

\$3,000- \$10,000 (renewable)

To apply, you must:

- have attended a Baltimore City public high school for four years;
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- plan to enroll full time at an accredited two or four year college or university and
- submit three letters of recommendation, two of which must be from teachers, counselors or administrators from their high school.

The One Step Up Scholarship Fund was created to make college possible for young women who have overcome significant challenges and displayed leadership qualities. Applicants must be enrolled in a Baltimore City public high school and must plan to enroll full time at an accredited two or four year college or university. This scholarship may be used for tuition, books, registration fees and computers required for class.

Essays: Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay which describes the challenges they have overcome to succeed in high school and which discusses their life goals and their reasons for wanting to attend college.

Al Sanders Foundation for Music Studies

\$1,500 (non-renewable)

To apply, you must:

- be graduating from a public high school in Baltimore City or one of the surrounding counties;
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and
- plan to seek a degree in music from an accredited four-year college of university.

Established to honor the memory of Al Sanders, celebrate his career with WJZ-TV and share his love of music. This scholarship is for students who intend to major in music and pursue a career in music after graduation from college.

Essay: Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay explaining your commitment to the pursuit of a college education and your goals for a music career.

Eric and Cara Thorn Memorial Scholarship

\$1,000 (non-renewable)

Because these scholarships are given in the names of Eric and Cara, quite a lot is asked of the recipients.

To apply, you must:

- be a graduating senior from a public high school in Calvert County Maryland;
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- have achieved academic excellence;
- have been involved in sports and school activities;
- have participated in community service projects;
- submit a list or resume of your activities and awards during high school including athletics, school activities and community service and
- submit three letters of recommendation. Two letters must be from teachers and one may be from another adult.

Established in memory of 16 year old Eric and 13 year old Cara Thorn who were killed in a car accident on their way to Calvert High School in Prince Frederick on November 17, 1998. To keep alive the memory of what outstanding students and compassionate people they were, their family and friends created this scholarship for students graduating from a public high school in Calvert County, Maryland. Because these scholarships are given in the names of Eric and Cara, quite a lot is asked of the recipients. Applicants must have achieved academic excellence, been involved in sports and school activities, and participated in community service projects. Eric and Cara did not have time to reach all their goals, yet through these scholarships, other talented and caring young people like them will see their dreams become realities.

Essay: Submit a 300-500 word essay describing at least one positive impact you have has on the world so far, and what kind of impact you would like to have in the future.

WJZ -TV Jerry Turner Broadcast Scholarship

\$1,500 (non-renewable)

To apply, you must:

- be a resident of Maryland;
- be either a graduating high school senior from a public high school in Baltimore City (or one of the surrounding counties) or a college student currently majoring in broadcast journalism and
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and plan to seek a degree in broadcast journalism from an accredited four-year college or university.

Established to honor the memory of Jerry Turner, and celebrate his career in broadcast journalism at station WJZ-TV channel 13 in Baltimore. This scholarship is designated for Maryland residents graduating from a Baltimore City public high school or from a public high school in a surrounding county who intend to or are currently majoring in broadcast journalism at an accredited college or university and who plan to pursue a career in broadcast journalism after graduation.

Essay: Submit a 300-500 word type-written essay explaining your commitment to the pursuit of a college education and your goals for a career in broadcast journalism.

COMMON APPLICATION**I. STUDENT INFORMATION:**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Social Security Number (last 4 digits): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female Race: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Name of School in which currently enrolled: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____ E-Mail: _____

II. PARENT INFORMATION:

Name of Mother / Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Occupation/Title: _____

Employer's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Father / Guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Place of Employment: _____ Occupation/Title: _____

Employer's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

III. ADMISSION TEST INFORMATION:**SAT Scores:** Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____ Combined: _____**IV. COLLEGE INFORMATION:****Intended Major:** _____**Were do you hope to attend college or university?**

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Have you been formally accepted? Yes Not yet

If you have been accepted, please enclose a copy of your acceptance along with your scholarship application.

On one typed page for each category, please provide the information requested below for each type of activity in which you have participated. On each page indicate your name, address and the scholarship(s) for which you are applying on the upper right hand corner.

Please list participation in community service, volunteer activities, sports, extracurricular activities at your school, and your employment history (including summer employment). Include awards/honors, offices held and scholastic awards.

V. Community Service/Volunteer Activities

- Organization or Activity
- Contact Name
- Phone Number
- Address
- Date(s) of Service
- Description of Duties

VII. Sports/Extracurricular Activities

- Activity
- Date(s) of Participation
- Offices/ Positions Held
- Awards/Honors/Scholastic Awards

VIII. Employment History

- Name of Company
- Contact Name
- Phone Number
- Address
- Date(s) of Employment
- Completed Hours/ Description of Duties

VIII. I AM APPLYING FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIP(S);

Check all that apply.

- Artemis Scholarship
- Mildred M. Coughlin Scholarship
- Digital Harbor High School Community Scholarship
- Walther H. Feldmann Scholarship
- Harry Z. Isaacs Scholarship
- Christa McAuliffe Scholarship
- One Step Up Scholarship
- Al Sanders Foundation for Music Studies
- Eric and Cara Thorn Memorial Scholarship
- WJZ-TV Jerry Turner Broadcast Scholarship

IX. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ BEFORE SIGNING

By signing and submitting this application, I _____ certify that the information and supporting documentation provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I have falsified any information, I am ineligible for a scholarship. The provision of false information will result in the termination of a scholarship if one is awarded to me. I give my permission for a representative of the Baltimore Community Foundation to speak with the Office of the Registrar or Financial Aid Office at my college or university regarding my scholarship awards. I also give my permission for the Baltimore Community Foundation to list my name in its publications and other materials which promote or report on its scholarship programs.

CHECK ONE:

- I am submitting my application (s) by February 15, 2009 to be considered for the BCF Scholarship Program, **and** to have my application materials forwarded to a select and limited number of additional scholarship providers. I understand that I am still responsible for applying to all BCF scholarship funds for which I am eligible.
- I am submitting my application (s) by April 1, 2009 in order to be considered **only for the BCF Scholarship Program.**

Applicants Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature
(Please sign if student is under 18)

Date

All applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2009.

NOTE: This questionnaire should be completed by the parent of the applicant.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (FAQ)© for 2009-2010 school year.

* See reverse side for instructions to assist in completing this form

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Last name First name MI

Permanent mailing address

City State Zip code

B. PARENTS' INCOME, EXPENSE, AND ASSET DATA (FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008)

The applicant's parent(s) must complete the following section. Indicate whether the information is from:

- Estimates based on current income information to be filed by April 15, 2009
A completed tax return - IRS FORM 1040 filing date of April 15, 2009

- 1. State of Residence
2. Adjusted gross income (FORM 1040)
3. Total federal tax paid (FORM 1040) - not the amount withheld from paychecks
4. Total income of father
Total income of mother
5. Yearly untaxed income and benefits: Please indicate source - Social Security AFDC
Child Support Other
6. Medical and dental expenses not paid by insurance (exclude premiums)
7. Total cash, checking, savings, cash value of stocks, etc. (exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401K).
8. Total number of family members living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income
9. Marital status of parent or guardian: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed
10. Total number of family members attending college at least half-time during the 2009-2010 school year, including applicant

C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Official name of post-secondary school for 2009-2010 academic year
City State

- 2. At this school, I will live on campus live off campus commute from home
3. If this school is a public institution, I will pay in-state resident tuition out-of-state tuition

4. List the name and annual amount of any grants or scholarships you have been awarded for the 2009-2010 school year only.

Table with 4 columns: Name of award, School to which award will be applied, Amount, Check one. Includes rows for Grants and Pending status.

D. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

Certification: All information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge. If requested by an authorized official of Scholarship America, I (we) will provide proof of information including a copy of my (our) 2008 U.S. and/or state income tax return. Falsification of information or refusal to provide information may result in rejection of this application or termination of any award granted.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature Father Mother

Do you have legal custody of the student? Yes No

Is the student your dependent? Yes No

Date completed

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (FAQ)

- A. STUDENT INFORMATION: The scholarship applicant's name should appear on the first line on the FAQ; however, the questionnaire must be completed by the parents of the applicant. An exception is if the applicant is legally classified as an independent student. The independent student must supply his/her financial information.
- B. PARENTS' INCOME, EXPENSES AND ASSET DATA: Information on this form must be from the parents' completed tax return or based on estimated information to be filed by April 15, 2009. Be sure to check the appropriate box.
1. **State of residence** is the state where the parent(s) reside and pay state income tax.
 2. **Adjusted gross income** can be found on IRS FORM 1040 and is gross income increased or reduced by specific adjustments specified by law.
 3. **Total federal tax paid** includes the total amount of **federal** income tax to be paid as reported on IRS FORM 1040. This is **not** the amount withheld from employee's paychecks. (The amount withheld should be adjusted by any refund or additional taxes due.) Do **not** report state income tax.
 4. **Total income of parent(s)** should be reported individually. Provide information for both natural parents, when possible. **If the student resides with only one parent**, financial information **must** be received from the parent who claims the child as a dependent for tax purposes. If a parent has remarried, the spouse's information is required if the spouse is a legal guardian of the student, or claims the student as a dependent, or the student is included in the spouse's benefit plan. **If necessary, two Financial Assistance Questionnaires may be submitted by the student.** A copy of this form may be made in order for one to be completed by each parent.
 5. **Untaxed income and benefits** include any other income or benefits not included in the adjusted gross income figure. Do not include untaxed contributions to retirement plans.
 6. **Medical and dental expenses** include only those expenses not paid by insurance. Do not include premium payments.
 7. **Total cash, checking, savings, cash value of stocks, etc.**, include liquid assets that can be used for educational expenses. **Do not include** IRA, 401K, or other retirement plan funds.
 8. **Total number of family members** living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income includes dependent college students living away from home.
 9. **Marital status** is the current status of the person from whom the financial information is submitted.
 10. **Total number of family members attending college** includes all family members attending a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school at least half-time. Be sure to include the applicant in this number.
- C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
1. Provide the official name of the post-secondary school that the student plans to attend for the 2009-2010 academic year. Indicate the city and state where the school is located.
 2. Indicate if student will live on-campus, off-campus or commute from home.
 3. If the school is a public institution, indicate if the student will pay in-state resident tuition or out-of-state tuition.
 4. Provide the name and amount of grants or scholarships awarded for the 2009-2010 academic year. Indicate if the grants/scholarships have been granted or are pending.
- D. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES: Both the student and the parent completing the FAQ must sign this form. Parent's signature is not required for an independent student. Please read the certification.

NOTE: Any exceptions to providing financial information as instructed above must be submitted to Scholarship America in writing.