

MILLWOOD-WATERFORD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For the 2024 academic school year, MWCA, Inc. will accept new high school graduates, and consider selecting up to four (4) new students. Previous MWCA scholarship recipients who have had no break in college matriculation (consecutive years of attendance) may apply for a Continuing Education Scholarship. All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2024.

OR

emailed to: info@millwood-waterford.org no later than June 30, 2024.

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PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The purpose of the Scholarship Program (hereafter referred to as Scholarship) is to provide financial support to current year, Prince George's County high school graduates who have been accepted to a college/university or vocational school and to provide Continuing Education Support for these Scholarship recipients.

POLICIES

Association Responsibilities

1. Appoint the following committees to carry out the purpose of this program

❖ A **Scholarship Review Committee** will be appointed to:

- a. Review applications to ensure that the application requirements have been met. Those applications not meeting requirements will be rejected and applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision.
- b. Forward to MWCA those applicants meeting the requirements. These applicants will be evaluated and interviewed by an independent Scholarship Selection Committee with no conflict of interest.
- c. Assist in identifying ways and means to obtain scholarship donations.
- d. Provide a report to the Association on the status of the scholarship program.
- e. Verify Continuing Education Award applications and submit for acceptance or rejection.
- f. Prepare proposed modifications to the scholarship program as necessary.
- g. Prepare proposed letters to applicants informing them of the results of the selection process.

❖ A **Scholarship Selection Committee** will be appointed to:

- a. Independently rate applications based on categories below, using a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the best. Committee members will have no conflict of interest. The Committee will use the attached evaluation sheet. While financial need is not a prerequisite, it will be considered depending on the strengths of the other categories.
 - 1) Academics: GPA (overall grade point average), class rank, combined SAT scores, academic honors, and leadership positions.
 - 2) School and community service, including extra curricular activities.
 - 3) References from teachers and others.
 - 4) Essay
- b. Provide a report to the association of the results of the selection process

2. Ensure that policies and procedures of the scholarship program are being followed and that the program is implemented fairly.
3. Ensure that scholarship donations are earmarked in the financial records of the Association and ensure they are not spent on other activities of the Association.
4. Assist in developing ways and means to obtain scholarship donations.
5. Assist in identifying high school or vocational school students who will graduate.

Funding

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1. The amount of the scholarship will range from \$250.00 to \$1,000. The amount of scholarships to be given will be determined annually depending on the availability of scholarship funds.
2. The funds will be given directly to the student to assist with books, transportation, and other educational expenses and incidentals as necessary. The funds will not be sent to the college because they will be deducted from the amount of financial aid available to the student.
3. The student is eligible to receive the scholarship only once.
4. MWCA, Inc. Scholarship recipients are eligible to apply for Continuing Education support for up to three consecutive years provided Continuing Education Requirements as outlined herein are met.

PROCEDURES

The general eligibility, selection, and application requirements for the Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association, Inc. scholarship assistance program are as follows:

NEW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS:

Eligibility:

1. Must live within Prince George's County.
2. Must be a current year high school graduate.
3. Must have been accepted by a college, university or vocational school.
4. Must have performed two years of documented community service (any community service).

Selection Criteria:

1. Academic achievement as exhibited by honors, awards, and extracurricular activities, and demonstrated leadership.
2. Essay
3. Documented community service
4. Verification of submitted information

Application Requirements:

1. A completed application form.
2. An essay on "What Community Service Means to Me and My Plans for Future Community Service Involvement." The essay should be doubled spaced and between 250 to 350 words.
3. Copy of official transcript.
4. Two letters of recommendation from teacher/guidance counselor or pastor on official letterhead with original signatures.
5. Copy of college/university or vocational school acceptance letter.
6. Copy of FAFSA application and response.
7. Verification of submitted information
8. Late applications will be rejected (returned to sender unopened).

9. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application and all supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than **June 30th** and sent to:

Millwood-Waterford Citizens Association, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Review Committee
P.O. Box 47607
District Heights, MD 20747

OR

Emailed to: info@millwood-waterford.org by June 30th.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SUPPORT -- (Previous recipient who has not had a break in college matriculation (consecutive years of attendance.))

Eligibility:

1. Must currently be enrolled full time (9 credit hrs.) in a college, university or vocational school.
2. Must have been either a MWCA, Inc. Scholarship recipient or MWCA Continuing Education recipient.
3. Must have a minimum of 2.5 GPA if applying for the Continuing Education Support.

Application

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1. A completed application form must be submitted by application deadline and
2. A copy of official transcript showing cumulative GPA.

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ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Application Package

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MILLWOOD-WATERFORD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (New Applicants)
(Deadline: Must be post marked or emailed no later than **June 30th**)

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Parent's Phone: Home # _____ **Cell #** _____ **Email** _____

Student's Phone: Cell # _____ **Email** _____

Do you live with: Both parents ___; **One parent** ___; **Guardian** ___; **Other** ___

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Any brothers/sisters: Yes **No.** **If yes, are any in college? Yes** **No**

Name of High School: _____

Principal: _____ **Phone No** _____

Graduation Date: _____ **Class Standing:** _____

State the name(s) of the accredited college,/university or vocational school(s) to which you have been accepted.

List your extra curricular school activities: _____

List any honors and awards: _____

List your community service: (Use additional page if needed) _____

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

I, _____, and my parent(s)/guardian(s) _____
(PRINT) (PRINT)

agree to:

- accept the decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee,
- permit the Scholarship Selection Committee to verify all information, and
- permit release of my transcript or any other pertinent school records deemed necessary.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Date

Application Checklist:

1. Completed Application
2. Official Transcript
3. Essay
4. Two (2) Letters of recommendation
5. College/University Acceptance Letter
6. Copy of FAFSA application and response
7. Signed Applicant and Parent/Guardian Agreement

**MILLWOOD-WATERFORD CITIZENS
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CONTINUING EDUCATION SUPPORT

Application Package

**MILLWOOD-WATERFORD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.
CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATION**
(Deadline: Must be post marked or emailed no later than **June 30th**)

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent's Phone: Home# _____ **Cell #** _____ **Email** _____

Student's Phone: Cell # _____ **Email** _____

State the name(s) of the accredited college/university or vocational school(s) to which you attend _____

Proposed Graduation Date: _____

List your extra curricular school activities: _____

List any honors and awards:

List your community service:

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(PRINT)

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Date