

2010 SCHIFFMAN TECHNOLOGY CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose

The Schiffman Technology Career Scholarship was established to grant a scholarship to high achieving Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) seniors **who need financial assistance** to pursue a field of study in a technology-related career at any college or university. Douglas and Suzanne Schiffman, and the MCPS Educational Foundation, jointly fund this one-time scholarship for \$5,000.00. If you receive other financial aid and are not in need of the \$5,000 funding, it will be considered an automatic default of the scholarship. Once again, only applicants who require financial assistance need apply.

Overview

The scholarship recipient must pursue a technology-related academic major at any accredited college or university. This scholarship is for students who do not have full or any scholarship support.

Scholarship selection will be based on a cumulative ranking of the following criteria: (1) academic performance, SAT or ACT scores, and weighted GPA; (2) financial need; (3) leadership; (4) extracurricular activities; (5) work experience; and (6) supporting evidence to show any internship or work related experience in the field of study the applicant intends to pursue in college.

A one-page typed "Financial Need Statement" describing the applicant's personal and family financial circumstances is required. Any extenuating circumstances that contribute to an applicant's financial need should be described in this document.

Applicants also must write a two-page, double-spaced, **typed** essay on a meaningful high school experience or on their expectations for a technology-related career.

A letter of recommendation from a faculty member or guidance counselor should be included along with a current copy of the applicant's official high school transcript.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a graduating MCPS high school senior who is attending an accredited college or university and pursuing a technology-related academic major.
2. Demonstrate financial need. This scholarship is for students who do not have full or any scholarship support.
3. Provide Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Testing Program (ACT) scores
4. Have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA.

5. Have demonstrated responsibility and leadership in school.
6. Provide a list of participation in all extracurricular activities.

Award Process

The actual monetary award, a one-time \$5,000 scholarship, **will be paid in full directly to the college or university** when due prior to the beginning of the award recipient's freshman year. The selected applicant must provide contact information for the appropriate person who handles scholarships at the Bursar's Office of the college or university they plan to attend.

Accuracy and Certification

In order to be considered, this application must be completed fully and accurately. Each student must ask their guidance counselor to verify the information and must obtain the signatures of the school principal and his or her parent or legal guardian. The student should retain a copy of the application papers for his or her records. The student is responsible for submitting the completed application to the Schiffman Technology Scholarship Committee along with the financial need statement, a letter of recommendation, an official school transcript, an essay, an extracurricular activities summary, and additional information as requested.

The applications must be received by **Friday, April 16, 2010** deadline or it will not be considered. Applications that are illegible or not signed by the student, parent, or legal guardian, guidance counselor, and principal will not be considered.

Instructions

Please complete all items within this application. The application and all supporting materials must be typed in order to be considered for the scholarship award.

Mail to: **Ms. Jeanne Young**
Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation, Inc.
850 Hungerford Drive, Room 149
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Application Checklist

- Completed application form signed by applicant, parent/guardian, guidance counselor, and principal
- Financial Need Statement
- Official high school transcript including first-semester senior grades
- Extracurricular activities summary page
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member **or** guidance counselor
- Two-page double-spaced **typed** essay on a meaningful high school experience or your expectations for a technology-related career

Application Certification - IMPORTANT:

Review this application form and make certain you have responded accurately to all items.

Applicant: I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian: I have reviewed the application and the statements are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. (*Students 18 and older are not required to have a parent signature.*)

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Student Counselor: I have reviewed the applicant's responses and certify that they are correct, insofar as the official school records indicate.

Signature _____ Date _____

Principal: I have reviewed the applicant's responses and certify that they are correct, insofar as the official school records indicate.

Signature _____ Date _____

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RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH ALL ITEMS ON THE APPLICATION CHECKLIST TO:

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APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MAIL THE WEEK OF MAY 17.